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Miller Arts Scholars

Third Year Arts Award Proposal

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Exploring Printmaking through an Ordinary Day

I am requesting \$3000 for resources to create a series of prints and explore advanced printmaking techniques.

Introduction

My favorite book growing up was *The Little Prince*. I loved the Little Prince's sense of childhood wonder and curiosity. An example is when the Little Prince showed a simple line drawing to grown-ups, the grown-ups saw a hat, but the Little Prince saw the drawing as a snake swallowing an elephant. I sometimes think that I have lost my childhood, but then I remember the lessons of the Little Prince and that the wonder of childhood will always stay with me.

Project

My project is inspired by the Little Prince's worldview and philosophy. My proposal is to create a series of prints illustrating one person's day. The series will begin with ordinary scenes of the character's life and develop into increasingly fantastical imaginings. My hope is that the mundanity of everyday life will appear just as wondrous as the fantasy images. I would like the prints to remind viewers of their childhoods and what is important to hold onto and let go of in the everyday.

I plan on making between 5-6 prints which will be about 14 inches x 18 inches. I plan to make woodcut relief prints and etchings with a unified color scheme to make the series cohesive. As well, I would like to explore more advanced printmaking techniques. I would like to make reduction woodcut prints with multiple layers of colors to create more complex images. With the woodcut prints, I am interested in trying to layer copper and zinc etchings over reliefs and experiment with color etchings.

Finally, I plan to frame each of the prints. My mentor, Akemi Ohira, will be able to teach me how to make my own custom frames for each of the prints. I am eager to experiment with making my own frames and the award would allow me to access all the materials I would need for the frames.

Faculty Mentor

My faculty mentor will be Akemi Ohira who is a Professor of Printmaking at UVA. I have had the opportunity to take her Intro to Intaglio Printmaking class this semester. As well, in the fall semester, I will take her Intermediate Printmaking class. She will be able to teach me how to do reduction prints, color etchings, and help me with any problems that may arise. She has been a great mentor in class so far because of her extensive printmaking knowledge, and I think she would be the ideal guide for this project.

Presentation

In my presentation, I will present the completed artworks. I will describe my process from the beginning to the end working with my mentor. I will explain challenges I faced along the way and how I responded to them. As well, I will discuss how my ideas and prints evolved to result in the finished works.

Timeline

Summer 2023	Order materials Take reference and inspiration photos Prepare wood and metal plates Make sketches of each print Transfer drawings to wood/plates Begin carving and etching
Fall 2023	Begin printing Continue carving, etching, and printing each layer
Spring 2024	Finish printing Curate prints Photograph prints Prepare presentation

Miller Arts Scholars Budget Template				
Woodcut Materials		Source	Date accessed	
<i>Resources needed to create the woodcut prints</i>				
Flexcut slipstrop	Used for sharpening carving tools	Takach Press	3/27/23	\$17.00
8 inch Brayer	Rolls ink onto wood	Takach Press	3/27/23	\$249.00
Cranfield Safe Wash Relief Ink Set	Ink for printing	Blick	3/27/23	\$65.00
Sandpaper, assorted grit, 2 packs	Sands wood smooth for even printing	Blick	3/27/23	\$7.44
Newsprint, 500 sheet ream, 18"x20"	Used for printing	Blick	3/27/23	\$24.97
Drafting Film, 2 sheets, 24"x36"	Used for registering prints	Blick	3/27/23	\$8.36
1/2"x4'x8' Birch Plywood	Wood for woodcuts	Home Depot	3/27/23	\$69.78
Shellac	Used to seal wood	Amazon	3/27/23	\$11.27
Mulberry Paper Roll	Paper on which to print woodcuts	Hiromi Paper	3/27/23	\$73.60
Flexcut Carving Tools	Tools for carving wood	Amazon	3/28/23	\$60.25
Kasoyo Five Piece Power Grip Carving Set	Tools for carving wood	Amazon	3/28/23	\$36.06
Framing and Storage Materials			Date accessed	
<i>Resources needed for making frames and storing prints</i>				
Eternity Archival Clamshell Art Storage Box 20x24"	For storing prints	Jerry's Artarama	3/27/23	\$69.99
Cachet Studio Portfolio - 31" x 23"	For transporting and storing prints	Blick	3/27/23	\$28.90
Glassine Interleaving Paper - 36" x 10 yd, Roll	For interleaving prints during storage	Blick	3/28/23	\$35.90
6-Strathmore Museum Mounting Board - 32" x 40"	Mats for framing	Blick	3/28/23	\$84.54
12-2-in x 4-in x 4-ft Pine S4S Lumber	To make frames for the prints	Lowes	3/28/23	\$33.96
Wood glue	For making frames	Amazon	3/28/23	\$9.99
Logan 301-1 Compact Classic Mat Cutter 32"	For cutting mats for frames	Jerry's Artarama	3/28/23	\$99.99
48 in. x 96 in. x 0.118 (1/8) in. Clear Acrylic Sheet	For making frames	Home Depot	3/28/23	\$149.00
Lineco Gummed Paper Hinging Tape	For making frames	Blick	3/28/23	\$10.98

3-Acid-Free Foam Board - 32" x 40" x 1/8", Antique White	For making frames	Blick	3/28/23	\$31.65
SuperSoftstrand 500-Foot Picture Wire	For making frames	Amazon	3/28/23	\$32.49
Paste Finishing Wax	For making frames	Amazon	3/28/23	\$14.98
Camera			Date accessed	
Sony a6100 Mirrorless Digital Camera	Ability to take quality reference photos and take professional quality photos of the finished artwork for presenting	B&H Photo Video	3/27/23	\$872.98
Etching Materials			Date accessed	
<i>Materials needed to create intaglio prints</i>				
EC Lyons Etching Scraper	Tool for etching	Jackson's Art	3/28/23	\$12.33
EC Lyons Etching Needle	Tool for etching	Jackson's Art	3/28/23	\$30.56
EC Lyons Curved Burnisher	Tool for etching	Jackson's Art	3/28/23	\$14.54
Copper Etching Plate - 18 Gauge, 18" x 24"	Etching plate for intaglio prints	Blick	3/28/23	\$151.20
Zinc Etching Plate - .064 Thickness, 18" x 24"	Etching plate for intaglio prints	Blick	3/28/23	\$201.69
100 Sheets BFK Rives Printmaking Paper	Paper on which to print etchings	Blick	3/28/23	\$514.00
Gamblin Etching Inks - Black, Red, Yellow, Blue, White	Ink for printing etchings	Blick	3/28/23	\$116.02
Tax and Shipping				
Estimated tax	Based on Virginia sales tax of 5.3%			\$166.00
Estimated shipping				\$100.00
Total				\$3,404.42
Budget Income, Funding, or Other Awards				
<i>Include income from private sources, the funding you're asking from Miller Arts Scholars, and income from other awards.</i>				
Income item:	MAS Third Year Award			\$3,000.00
Income item:	Personal Contribution			\$404.42
Total				\$3,404.42