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Minigrant Outcome Report

## **Continuing Professional Music Development**

For my Spring 2020 minigrant project, I purchased a website subscription and virtual voice lessons to build my professional music portfolio and to develop my personal singing style with good vocal technique. This was my adapted plan given the limits the Coronavirus pandemic placed on my original proposal.

I purchased a year-long subscription to keep my website running, which has been useful in applying to gigs and having a professional music presence. Due to the pandemic, Jazzmeia Horn, one of my favorite jazz vocalists, offered online lessons, which she typically doesn't do since she tours all the time. I was able to use the grant money to have a half hour session with her and discussed personal vocal stylings, what to focus on technique wise in college, and practice methods. I used the rest of the money on two voice lessons with Danielle Wertz, who presented a new lens to approach vocal jazz with. The lessons with Danielle have been fundamental in my development of style, as she has helped me refocus my energy on proper vocal technique and returning to a style of singing that is comfortable and makes use of my head and head-mixed voice as opposed to my chest and chest-mixed voice, which is what most jazz singers use. Studying with her has allowed me to be more emotionally connected with the music I sing, which has been so helpful and inspiring to have during the onset of the pandemic. Lastly, I bought a variety of straws to use in a variety of vocal technique exercises I learned from Danielle.

I am so deeply grateful to the Miller Arts Scholars Foundation for giving me this opportunity to expand my musical experience and presence. These materials truly helped me elevate my personal musicianship and professionalism. I have attached a link below to my website.

### *Budget:*

\$165 - Website maintenance for one year  
\$125 - Voice lesson with Jazzmeia Horn  
\$200 - Voice lessons with Danielle Wertz  
\$10 - Straws  
Total: \$500

Link to website: <https://tinahashemimusic.squarespace.com/>