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Spring 2022 Minigrant Outcome Report

Cosplay and Edits as New Media and Self-Portraiture: Outcome Report

For my spring 2022 minigrant, I asked the program for \$500 to create a series of edited photos that would combine new media art, cosplay, and self portraiture. The grant expenditure included purchasing props, makeup, costuming materials, and special effects .mp4s to overlay in my digital edits.

Some aspects of this project included preparing myself in both costume and makeup, setting up for the photoshoots and taking them, and editing the photos first in photoshop, then in after effects.

My first fully completed series is *Self* (2022), a play on words between “self” and “elf”, where I explored the intersection between my interests in fantasy media like Harry Potter and Dungeons and Dragons in tandem with my new media art skills. I have included some photos from this series below -- the moving picture versions can be found on my website.

I enjoyed creating *Self* (2022) and would like to continue using the materials I purchased with the grant fund to create other series. Attached at the bottom are photos I took in the Harry Potter cosplay I did as a Beauxbaton student -- it has yet to be edited.

I would like to say thank you to the Miller Arts Scholars committee for awarding me this grant. It was both fun and enriching to be able to explore this intersection of new media art and cosplay as a means of my own self portraiture. I am excited to continue creating pieces/edits with the supplies I obtained with help from the Miller Arts Scholars program.

Expenditure:

- Hat Harry Potter Standard Blue - **\$26.99**
- NYX PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP Lipstick - Dubai (Medium Cool Brown) - **\$5.99**
- HLenyoy Vampire Teeth Fangs Elf Ears for Cosplay - **\$9.99**
- Cottage Garden Brown Cosplay Magic Wand - **\$16.95**
- Women Lace Glove (Pure White) - **\$9.99**
- Bestjybt Women Halloween Witch Hat (Red) - **\$16.80**
- IvyRobes Unisex-Adult Hooded Cloak - **\$18.99**
- Women’s Silver heels - **\$35.25**
- Athena Face Body Paint Oil Palette - **\$16.99**
- Caretoto Pink Fairy Wings - **\$20.99**
- Wellwits Women's Keyhole Mesh Bell Sleeve Vintage Skater Dress - **\$29.98**
- Eliace False Eyelashes - **\$12.98**
- 15 Colored Eyeliners Pen Set - **\$9.99**
- Mink Lashes Fluffy Glitter Colored Lashes Dramatic False Eyelashes - **\$9.99**
- Floral Print Mesh Overlay Bodysuit Insert Dress - **\$24.38**

- ROMWE Fairy Grunge Floral Print Off Shoulder Lace Up Dress - **\$21.20**
- Floral Pattern Grommet Lace Up Puff Sleeve Sweetheart Neck Dress - **\$26.50**
- Magic Spell Special Effects - **\$15.00**
- Air Dust Special Effects - **\$10.00**
- ELF Medium Brown Foundation - **\$6**
- Makeup Sponges - **\$5.20**
- Actionfx.com 1 month Subscription - **\$20**
- Mehron Special Effects Makeup Kit - **\$99**
- Pond 5 medieval song - **\$25**

- **Total Expenditure: \$494.15**
- **Amount remaining: \$5.85**

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