

ELLIPSES

IDEA Opera Grants - 2021-2022

Working Title Playwrights

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Application Form

IDEA Opera Grants

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August 11, 2021: Intent to apply deadline September 22, 2021: Application deadline

October 2021: Adjudication November 2021: Notification

For more information, please refer to the grant guidelines here.

Contact Diana Hossack, grantmaking associate, at DHossack@operaamerica.org for questions.

Applicant Information

Lead Applicant First Name*

David Quang

Lead Applicant Last Name*

Pham

Lead applicant team role*

Composer

Lead applicant bio*

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The biography should be narrative and limited to 1,000 characters. The resume should be uploaded as a PDF.

david_quang_pham-resume.pdf

David Quang Pham (he/him) is a galaxy-class astronomer-songwriter. Due to youthful trips to space camp and operas, he now writes love letters to science and musicalizes science communication. After completing an astrophysics and theatre education at Michigan State, he studied under Working Title Playwrights' apprenticeship in Atlanta. Janelle Lawrence mentors him. His particle physics opera, TOUR, focuses on subatomic educators in an Accelerator, is a 2020 Downtown Urban Arts Festival finalist, and had a reading under The 24 Hour Plays in partnership with the Dramatists Guild. His songs have been showcased at the Durban University of Technology, Musical Theatre Factory, NYPL Performing Arts, and Berkeley's Play Café. He also plays the trombone. Pham is a dramaturg and moderator at LMDA; the associate producer of Reach



For It, Inc; a producing mentee of Jane Dubin and Jennifer Isaacson from TRU; a founding member of CreateTheater; and a member of $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$, ASCAP, and the Dramatists Guild.

Teammate First Name, if applicable

[Unanswered]

Teammate Last Name, if applicable

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Teammate role

[Unanswered]

Teammate bio

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Teammate Email

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Work Samples

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Work samples are one of the most important parts of this application. Your work samples represent the artistic merit of your work and the work of your collaborators.

If available, you are encouraged to submit excerpts from the work for which you are requesting support. If you do not have samples from that work, please provide samples that demonstrate your ability to write in the genre/style of the proposed work.

Composer

Please provide two work samples for the composer that reflect the best work of the artists involved (audio, video, and/or score or chart samples). Media samples can be Vimeo, YouTube, or SoundCloud links.

Although no previous experience with opera is required, we are interested in hearing any vocal music you might have written and if possible, would like to get some sense of your notational skills (e.g., scores, chord charts, or other graphic representation of your music).

The total timing of the musical selections should not exceed 20 minutes. Trim samples to the specific excerpt that you would like to be reviewed. If you are not trimming the samples as suggested above, clearly mark the timings in



the notes (e.g., Play from 3'22"-7'49").

MIDI recordings are permitted but not recommended. For any questions about work samples, please contact Diana Hossack, grantmaking associate, at DHossack@operaamerica.org.

SAMPLE 1

Sample 1 title*

"Crunch" · ELLIPSES

Sample 1 A/V link*

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/2-crunch

Sample 1 A/V password (if necessary) Sample 1 composer*

David Quang Pham

Sample 1 librettist (if applicable)

David Quang Pham

Sample 1 description/annotation*

Please include roles, voicing, and information about this work sample and credit performing artists (e.g., soprano Sally Singer, bass Bobby Baritone).

If not excerpting, please include timings for guided listening.

Performing Artists: mezzo-soprano Minka Wiltz (Singularity), tenor Jason-Jamal Ligon (Cartwheel), bass Skye Passmore (Whirlpool), soprano Abby Holland (Triangulum), baritone Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Andromeda), tenor Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way).

Context: "Crunch" is a song about family gatherings and galaxy clustering. After the Galaxy children bicker, Singularity brings them together to say grace by saving space with their black-hole hearts.

Sample 1 score or chart (optional)

Upload the score/chart below and provide any relevant notes about the score here.

crunch.pdf

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https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/2-crunch.pdf



SAMPLE 2

Sample 2 title*

"Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles" · ELLIPSES

Sample 2 A/V link*

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/13-warp_waves_and_wrinkles

Sample 2 A/V password (if necessary) Sample 2 composer*

David Quang Pham

Sample 2 librettist (if applicable)

David Quang Pham

Sample 2 description/annotation*

Please include roles, voicing, and information about this work sample and credit performing artists (e.g., soprano Sally Singer, bass Bobby Baritone).

If not excerpting, please include timings for guided listening.

Performing Artists: tenor Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way), baritone Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Oort Cloud), contralto Daniela Cobb (Eris), soprano Abby Holland (Uranus), tenor Jason-Jamal Ligon (Saturn), bass Skye Passmore (Jupiter), mezzo-soprano Minka Wiltz (Sun).

Context: "Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles" is a song about self-love and adolescence. Left behind by their family, Milky Way roams the Universe alone. While going through puberty, Milky Way learns to love themself through their imaginary/planetary friends. Disclaimer: Milky Way is going through puberty throughout the story, so Evan Hill Phillips purposely sings and speaks with trills and voice cracks.

Sample 2 score or chart (optional)

Upload the score/chart below and provide any relevant notes about the score here.

warp_waves_and_wrinkles.pdf https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/13-warp_waves_and_wrinkles.pdf



Librettist

Please attach two writing samples (in PDF format only), limited to 20 pages in total (e.g., you may include one 8-page sample and one 12-page sample). Although no previous experience with opera is required, we are especially interested in seeing any lyrics, poetry, or theater work you may have written.

SAMPLE 3

Sample 3 title*

"Big Bang" · ELLIPSES

Sample 3 A/V link

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/sample_3

Sample 3 A/V password (if necessary) Sample 3 composer

David Quang Pham

Sample 3 librettist (if applicable)

David Quang Pham

Sample 3 description/annotation

Please include roles, voicing, and information about this work sample and credit performing artists (e.g., soprano Sally Singer, bass Bobby Baritone).

If not excerpting, please provide timings for guided listening.

Performing Artists: mezzo-soprano Minka Wiltz (Singularity), mezzo-soprano Vallea E. Woodbury (Gravity), contralto Daniela Cobb (SPT0615-JD), tenor Jason-Jamal Ligon (Cartwheel), bass Skye Passmore (Whirlpool), soprano Abby Holland (Triangulum), baritone Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Andromeda), tenor Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way), soprano Kait Rivas (Tidals).

Timing: 1:07:54—1:20:23

Context: The inciting incident. Gravity and SPT0615-JD initiates the Big Bang when they strike down Singularity.



SAMPLE 4

Sample 4 title

"Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles" · ELLIPSES

Sample 4 AV Link

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/sample_4

Sample 4 A/V passwork (if necessary) Sample 4 composer

David Quang Pham

Sample 4 librettist (if applicable)

David Quang Pham

Sample 4 upload

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Performing Artists: tenor Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way), baritone Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Oort Cloud), contralto Daniela Cobb (Eris), soprano Abby Holland (Uranus), tenor Jason-Jamal Ligon (Saturn), bass Skye Passmore (Jupiter), soprano Kait Rivas (Earth/Solar System), mezzo-soprano Minka Wiltz (Sun).

Timing: 1:42:55—1:52:10

Context: Milky Way's adolescent arc. The puppetry and graceful dancing of the celestial bodies are reminiscent of Chinese Kunqu opera.

Personal Statement

Personal statement*

What inspires you creatively? Why have you chosen this subject matter? Why did you choose to tell this story as an opera?



I grew up in an Asian household. The only thing my parents ever watched were Kunqu-like operas and Kabuki-esque theatre. Naturally, I compose on a pentatonic scale. Six notes are simple, yet when the instruments are primitive and folksy, the opera is suddenly elaborate. Our Universe may be minimal and plain, but the universal plane is made up of mostly dark matter after all. That nature provides complexity. It is difficult to unravel this traditional fabric of spacetime, but it is a challenge I accept. As a Vietnamese American, I aspire to connect the Eastern and Western art forms.

As an artful scientist, I make these connections by writing love letters to science, as science spins my creative process. I look for connections in my research within any branch of physics. In a Cyclotron, I felt that the quarks are also trying to attain a higher degree. At an Observatory, I noticed that the galaxies also felt aimlessly lost in our field. These personifications are amplified and made special by my culture's inherent devotion to humanizing nature. For example, we love to personify wind as ghosts. My mind is astrophysical and astral spiritual. These aspects grant me the spirit of a science writer for musicals and operas.

The science that expands ELLIPSES is entropy. The Big Bang can suitably be personified through the universal power of opera. The elliptical crisscross of Kunqu with pop musical elements gives us our Universe. Let there be light through light opera.

Overview

Work title*

Title or working title of the opera in development

ELLIPSES

Please update these fields if anything has changed since you submitted the intent to apply.

Work summary*

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Submit a plot summary of the work associated with the application.

ELLIPSES is the epic science mythology about family, child development, and adulthood. ELLIPSES stars Singularity and their teenage Galaxies and follows their quest to undo the Big Bang, after their family dog Gravity sets it off.

Every character is named after a celestial object. Singularity is the single parent who locked their kids in the house. Milky Way is the baby sibling who is going through galactic puberty. SPT0615-JD is the rebellious young adult who wants to leave home to go explore the Universe. JD is sick and tired of being stuck in the house with their family.

In a violent altercation, JD shoots Singularity to run away from home with Gravity (aka the Big Bang). Without their parent, the younger siblings are left to fend for themselves in the vastness of the cosmos. These Galaxies spend the rest of time looking for their missing oldest sibling. The supermassive heart of this coming-of-age story is self-discovery in isolation...



Project activity type*

Workshop

If "Other," describe here. Project description*

Describe the specific activities for which funding will be used.

ELLIPSES will have its first live workshop. We strive to preview the first half-hour leading up to the Big Bang, shown to an invited audience which includes the University of Maryland School of Music followed by a talkback. The talkback looks to be led by UMD postgraduate dramaturg, Jordan Ealey.

The science-art blend and spiritual allegory may incentivize a space in Washington, DC. On February 2021, Chacon's ViOp Productions filmed Musical Monuments, the African American Concert Tradition in collaboration with St. Augustine's Episcopal Church: https://youtu.be/mj61UdV1cTs. In partnership with ViOp, a performing company, we look to hold an event in DC on a weekend in February 2022, coinciding with Black History Month and Lunar New Year.

An IDEA Opera Grant helps cover the venue rental for a 3-day workshop: 2 rehearsals, 1 showcase. It helps compensate 17 team members (pianist, music director, dramaturg, stage director, vocal coach, sound designer, stage director, and 10 performers).

Proposed project start date*

Funding may not be applied to expenses incurred before December 1, 2021. 12/06/2021

Proposed project end date*

Grant-funded activities must be completed by December 31, 2022.

03/05/2023

Creative Team

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Please name any other creative or performing artists associated with this project, if known at this time (e.g., stage director, music director, lighting designer, dramaturg).

You are not required to have a full creative team in place at this time.



Creator name

Jay Lucas Chacon

Creator role

(e.g., stage director, music director, lighting designer, dramaturg)
Facilitator, General Manager

Creator bio

You may choose to upload your teammate's resume in PDF format, provide a brief bio (1,000 characters or less), and/or share a link to their website here.

jay_lucas_chacon-resume.pdf

Jay Lucas Chacon (he/him) is the founder/director of ViOp Productions, a virtual performing company producing work and opportunities through virtual medium, creating opera on film, filmed concerts and online recitals, and virtual readings. He produced and performed with tenor John Riesen in a duet recital Crossing Paths, Rodolfo in a socially distanced film version of La bohème Act 3 by Leoncavallo, The Spirit of Christmas; a holiday special. and as Anatoly in The CHESS Project. Jay also conceived and produced An American's Journey; a monodrama of Aaron Copland' Old American Songs, directed a film of Mascagni' Zanetto, and a recital of African American music featuring soprano Stephanie Ball on location in Washington DC. Upcoming productions with ViOp are The Strong Ones, a series of music videos focusing on mental and emotional health, and ViOp's annual Christmas Special. [https://www.jaylucaschacon.com] [https://www.viopproductions.com/]

Creator 2 name

Jordan Alexandria Ealey

Creator 2 role

(e.g., stage director, music director, lighting designer, dramaturg)

Dramaturg

Creator 2 bio

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Jordan Alexandria Ealey (they/she) is a dramaturg, theatre artist, and scholar who divides their time between Atlanta, GA and the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area. As a dramaturg, Jordan specializes in new play and musical development; her work has been seen with places such as Synchronicity Theatre, Theatrical Outfit, Working Title Playwrights, and Hush Harbor Lab. Jordan co-hosts and co-produces Daughters of Lorraine, a podcast on black theatre from a black feminist perspective, which is supported by HowlRound



Theatre Commons. A proud artist-scholar, Jordan is pursuing a PhD in Theatre and Performance Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, where they research black women-authored musicals from the nineteenth century to the present. Jordan is most passionate about advocating for marginalized theatre artists and hopes to continue to do so in their career. [https://www.jordanealey.com/]

Creator 3 name

Daniela Cobb, Abby Holland, Jason-Jamal Ligon, Skye Passmore, Evan Phillips, Kait Rivas, Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel, Minka Wiltz, Vallea E. Woodbury

Creator 3 role

(e.g., stage director, music director, lighting designer, dramaturg)

Performers

Creator 3 bio

You may choose to upload your teammate's resume in PDF format, provide a brief bio (1,000 characters or less), and/or share a link to their website here.

Daniela Cobb (she/her): [https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/daniela_cobb]
Abby Holland (she/her): [https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/abby holland]

[ason-Jamal Ligon (he/him): [https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/jason-jamal_ligon]

Skye Passmore (he/him): [https://www.skyepassmore.com/]

[https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/skye_passmore]

Evan Phillips (he/him): [https://www.evanhillphillips.com/]

[https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/evan_phillips]

Kait Rivas (they/them): [https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/kait_rivas]

Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (he/him): [https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/daniel_sakamoto-wengel]

Minka Wiltz (she/her): [https://www.minkawiltz.com/]

[https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/minka_wiltz]

Vallea E. Woodbury (she/her): [http://www.vallea.com/]

[https://www.ellipsesplay.com/team/vallea_e_woodbury]

Creator 4 name

Creator 4 role

(e.g., stage director, music director, lighting designer, dramaturg)

Creator 4 bio

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Work Information

Roles*

For example, in an opera adaptation of The Avengers, a cast list might look like this: Captain Marvel, Soprano; Black Widow, Mezzo-Soprano; Spiderman, Tenor; Black Panther, Baritone; The Hulk, Bass. For a list of common voice types in opera, please click here. You are welcome to include non-traditional/alternate voice types, and may explain those choices below.

Singularity, Mezzo-Soprano; Gravity, Mezzo-Soprano; SPT0615-JD, Contralto; Cartwheel, Tenor; Whirlpool, Bass; Triangulum, Soprano; Andromeda, Baritone; Milky Way, Tenor.

The vocal range for each character is based on ELLIPSES's latest team. Due to the open-ended and androgynous nature of each character in the actual book, there are no specified vocal ranges. In the scores, the treble clefs of the vocals are parenthesized with (8). Adjustments and distinctions are made right after casting with the music director.

Chorus*

If applicable, indicate the number of singers in the chorus by voice type (e.g., Soprano: 4, Alto: 2, Tenor: 6, Bass: 1).

Mezzo-Soprano-Soprano: 1, Baritone-Tenor: 1

Instrumentation*

Please list the instruments you will utilize in your work (e.g., "I will write for 1 piano, 1 violin, 1 viola, 1 cello, and 1 Iranian santur").

I have written and will write for 1 piano, etc. The accompaniment tracks have been made.

Provide a scenic breakdown of the opera*

You may use either a character/scene breakdown, storyboard, or dramaturgical outline that narrates the theatrical arc of the work. Please refer to this link for examples.

Set Design of The Ellipse: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/about/ellipses-set.pdf

Song-by-Song Through Narrative

Overview: The structure of ELLIPSES is based on the Big Crunch Theory. This is a theory of the end of our Universe, where its expansion eventually reverses and collapses into a singularity.

{Legend: ("Musical Number") | The plot between * * will be the focus of the workshop}

ACT I

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*The Galaxies begin their routine by scoping out towards the Edge ("Bounce"). Their parent calls them up for supper. Singularity nurtures them and their tidal dogs, but a child is missing at this family gathering ("Crunch"). JD remains looking out, tangentially wanting to go to the Edge ("Cutting Edge"). They see their



legacy as apparent. However, Singularity speaks of its perils. In retaliation, Gravity fights Singularity to go outside but ends up getting grounded in the doghouse. As the siblings head off to bed, JD and Milky Way discuss growing up ("Figure").

After Milky Way goes to bed, JD hears Gravity persuading them to search the rug. JD finds Singularity's Big Bang Taser stashed underneath and deems the Fabric of Spacetime to be just as sturdy ("Zilch"). Later, Singularity assesses their children's black-hole hearts ("Luminous"). With this being the final straw, JD strikes their parent with the Big Bang Taser. Singularity goes lifeless. In the chaos, JD flees with Gravity to the Edge, but the Edge keeps distancing away. It is like a rolled-up rug that JD keeps rolling away ("Big Bang").* At this start of the Universe, Gravity and JD enjoy themselves ("Verse").

Meanwhile, the teen Galaxies mourn ("Rip"). They realize that they must get a move on and undo the Big Bang. Because there is no longer Crunch Time, they may starve without Singularity's care and with the Universe thinning itself out. Triangulum manages to convince the family to bring JD home ("Anomaly is Everything"). Triangulum decides to journey out to the Edge with Andromeda. They instruct Cartwheel and Whirlpool to babysit Milky Way. However, they leave Milky Way behind. Eventually, they decide to return home to be present for their baby sibling ("Time is Relative"). But they find that Milky Way has left to wander the Universe alone ("Big Rip").

Isolated and alone, Milky Way talks to their planetary friends about physically growing up ("Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles"). Eventually, Triangulum and Andromeda find Milky Way in an exhausted state of adolescence ("Globular"). The Solar System has developed into a swelling. Andromeda comes to the aid of Milky Way. As a result, Milky Way becomes a Quasar, leading the teen Galaxies to be reunited ("Fabric").

A trillion years pass, and Gravity and JD are still traversing space. They find time to play fetch, and Gravity catches on JD's fugue. Through a stellar speech, Gravity explains that the point of return is far-fetched ("Far-Fetched").

From the cosmic beyond, Singularity sings ("Point").

ACT II

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In the following act, Singularity's backstory is presented. Apparently, they themself ran away from their own Universe ("Heat Death"). An eternity passes, and Gravity and JD hit a wall while looking for the Edge. Gravity believes that one can overcome it by relaxing ("Parallax"). In that spirit, the Edge unveils ("Tangent"). Surrounded by spectacles that reminds them of family, JD decides to head back and take the Edge with them. Gravity feels betrayed as they fought hard for the wide-open space, only for it to be a singularity again. Gravity wounds JD and JD is left to return home alone, unrolling the Edge ("...").

JD stumbles upon their siblings' campsite. The teen Galaxies have been caging tidal dogs. JD releases them but is caught ("Bounce Back"). JD blames Gravity for the Big Bang. The Galaxies believe JD and returns home to heal them ("Everything").

JD tries to adjust to life as a caretaker but ends up being a dropout ("Apparent"). In these millennia of grief, Milky Way jolts Singularity back to life ("Spacetime"). Singularity looks beyond the Edge to find JD shedding light in their Ellipse ("Liminality").



All of a sudden in JD's honor, Gravity returns with a wolfpack. The Galaxies and the tidal forces end time in this epic showdown ("The Big Rip of Zenith"). When all is lost, Singularity and their Galaxies pray at their table in the Center of our Universe as the tidal forces consume them ("Big Crunch").

ACT III

In the darkness, a bang is seen and heard again ("Big Bounce").

Libretto (optional)

Please upload as much of the libretto as is available. A partial or libretto outline is acceptable.

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/script

Intellectual property*

"Existing work" includes items such as a novel, short story, film, or life story. Please select the appropriate choice from the drop down menu below.

This is my own original work.

Rights documentation

If the work is based on an existing work protected by copyright, please attach rights documentation or outline the timeline and process for securing the rights. Rights must be secured by the adjudication of applications. If rights documentation is not available now, please email it to Diana Hossack, grantmaking associate, by October 1, 2021. Otherwise, your application will be deemed incomplete and unable to proceed to the adjudication phase.

Project Information

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Timeline*

Provide a timeline for the development of the work, including the activities for which you are requesting funding. An example of a timeline is included below for your reference.

January 2021: Creative team meeting with composer, librettist, and dramaturg March 2021: Libretto reading

April – October 2021: Revisions to the libretto, completion of excerpts or full piano/vocal score for workshop Late October 2021: Piano/vocal workshop (5 days), recorded by OPERA America videographers (day 6) Post-workshop: Creative design meeting with the stage director, librettist, composer, and media designer

This is an example. Your timeline may include other activities.

• December 2021: Creative team gets assembled through interviews with members of University of Maryland School of Music and MUSE



- January 2022: Performative and technical team get assembled through auditions and interviews with members of University of Maryland School of Music and MUSE
- o Early January: Creative team meeting with author, stage director, music director, dramaturg, and facilitator
- o Late January 2022: 2 Zoom rehearsals are conducted, revisions to the libretto between the rehearsals and afterwards
- February 2022: 2 rehearsal workshops & 30-minute presentational workshop followed by a talkback (3 days), recorded by OPERA America videographers (day 2)
- Post-workshop: Creative design meeting with author, stage director, music director, dramaturg, and facilitator

Budget*

IDEA Opera Grants fund up to \$12,500 of your project. Please use the budget worksheet <u>here</u> to provide your budget. Upload it as an Excel document.

This budget worksheet covers many possible expenses and you do not need to complete every line. There are five "Other" lines in each budgetary section to add other expenses.

idea-opera-grants-2021-2022-budget.xlsx

Total requested funding*

Please indicate your total request below. You may request up to \$12,500.

\$8,018.00

Other

Is this your first time applying to an OPERA America grant program?*

Yes

From which organization did you hear about this grant opportunity?*

OPERA America

If Other, please specify. Through which channel?*

Please select all that apply.

Website Other



If Other, please specify.

IDEA was discovered in 2020 before the application deadline and after the LOI deadline.

Confirmation

Lead applicant signature*

By typing your name below, you acknowledge that the information contained in this application and its attachments is accurate and complete.



File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- david_quang_pham-resume.pdf
- crunch.pdf
- warp_waves_and_wrinkles.pdf
- jay_lucas_chacon-resume.pdf
- idea-opera-grants-2021-2022-budget.xlsx

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Michigan State University

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics | Minor in Theatre

2014-18

 $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ Honors, Society of Physics Students – Vice President | OpenSpot Theatre | $\Phi K\Sigma$ – Historian

Working Title Playwrights, Atlanta, Georgia

Apprenticeship | New Play Dramaturgy

2020-21

New Play Development and Dramaturgy Apprenticeship, Dramaturgy Master Intensive with Amber Bradshaw

MUSICALS & OPERAS

ELLIPSES – astrophysics epic that centers on the Galaxy family and their quest to undo the Big Bang *incubated under the Working Title Playwrights New Play Development and Dramaturgy Apprenticeship https://www.ellipsesplay.com

Readings: Developmental @ WTP's Monday Night Development Workshops | 10/5/20 | 12/7/20 | 2/1/21 | 5/3/21 Table @ Socially Isolated Script Readings! | 11/14/20

Concert Reading @ Working Title Playwrights | https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/2021-7-15 Workshop: How to Write a Musical That Works @ Theater Resources Unlimited, New York, New York | 6/13/21

PARALLEL UNIVERSITY (coauthors: Malina Detcheva-Rossa, Marie Incontrera) – science comedy about finding a space *incubating under the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts summer program, Across a Crowded Room https://www.parallelmusical.com

Showcase: New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, New York, New York | November 2021

PISTIL QUIPS – one-act tragic operatic play that centers on dialogues between a hummingbird, a flower, and the breeze *Production*: *ten-minute variant titled *Humin Meat Glass* @ The Comedy Project, Grand Rapids, Michigan | 12/2/19

TOUR – physics fable that focuses on Quark, Lepton, Boson, and Atom as they collide in the academic Accelerator https://www.tourmusical.com

 $\textit{Concert}: \textbf{Emerging Artist Representative of Musical Theatre Factory @ Cabaret on the Couch \mid 7/24/20}$

Readings: Developmental @ Dramatists Guild's End of Play & The 24 Hour Plays | 4/24/20

Table @ Socially Isolated Script Readings! | 5/16/20

Developmental @ CreateTheater Experts Theater Community | 7/17/20

Table @ Socially Isolated Script Readings! | 8/29/20

Workshop: *Finalist @ Downtown Urban Arts Festival - Signature Theatre, New York, New York | 2019-20

PLAYS | New Play Exchange: https://newplayexchange.org/users/34416/david-quang-pham

Where the Sun Don't Shine – an interaction between a dark matter particle and a light particle within the solar corona *Reading*: Stage @ The One-Minute Play Festival | 4/15/20

REVIEWS

ELLIPSES

"I love stories about families and yours is truly the most unique I've seen."

- John Mabey, Award-Winning Playwright | 7/16/21

"The humor and sibling rivalry/politics is a strengh of the piece overall. Overall the strengths of this piece are 100% the sibling/family dynamics and the desire for self-actualization as major thematic statements."

- Emily McClain, Award-Winning Playwright | 3/23/21

"The play got me thinking about my / our place in the Universe - you can't get more epic than that. Graphics and animation... Wow!

- Henry W. Kimmel, President of Working Title Playwrights & Alliance for Jewish Theatre | 2/26/21

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ORGANIZATIONS

Member of $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ (Sigma Pi Sigma - The National Physics Honor Society)

2018-ongoing

The top one-third of Michigan State University's Department of Physics and Astronomy's undergraduate class of 2018

Member of **The American Physical Society**

2018-ongoing

A non-profit membership organization working to advance and diffuse the knowledge of physics

Writer and Publisher for ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers)

2019-ongoing

Writer for **The Comedy Project**'s NewsFlash [https://thecomedyproject.com]

2018-19

A theatre featuring improvisation, sketch comedy shows, a training center, and private event hosting

 $Founding\ Member\ of\ \textbf{CreateTheater}\ \textbf{Experts}\ \textbf{Theater}\ \textbf{Community}\ [https://createtheater.com]$

2020-ongoing

A select number of writers, producers and theatermakers ready to redesign and reinvent new play development

Member of The Dramatists Guild of America

2019-ongoing

Music Therapy Volunteer for Kindred Hospice

2020-ongoing

Moderator and Planner for LMDA (Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas)

2020-ongoing

The volunteer membership organization for the professions of literary management and dramaturgy

Member of MUSE (Musicians United for Social Equity)

2021-ongoing

An organization for musicians of color committed to creating diversity within the music departments

Acting Mentor/Photographer/Videographer for **OpenSpot Theatre** in East Lansing, Michigan

2014-18

A theatre program empowering kids with special needs to break through the fourth wall and shine

Member of Opera America

2021-ongoing

Associative Producer of **Reach For It** [https://www.reachforit.net]

2020-ongoing

A nonprofit organization that is built to help the individual prosper in their artistry by elevating their talents

Member of Theater Resources Unlimited

2020-ongoing

The leading network for developing theater professionals

Member and the second Apprentice of Working Title Playwrights

2020-ongoing

The leading development community and new play incubator in the Southeast

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chicago Dramatists

Staging Science: Writing the Science Play

2020

Instructor: Kristin Idaszak

May 2020

Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas

The International Dramaturgy Lab

2020-21

Partners: Laurel Green, Pauliina Hulkko, Elizagrace Madrone, David Quang Pham, Stefanie Schmitt, Hanna Slattne, Dimitar Uzunov

November 2020 – June 2021

Revoluton Arts

Playwriting Workshop

2020

Instructor: James McDermott

April - July 2020

Seattle Playwrights Salon

Discovering the Play in Playwriting

2020

Instructor: Miriam BC Tobin

March - April 2020

The Story Collider

Facilitating Storytelling in the Classroom and the Field

2021

Instructor: Nisse Greenberg August – September 2021

Introductory Storytelling Workshop

2021

Instructors: Paula Croxso, Nakeysha Roberts Washington, Maryam Zaringhalam

January 2021

Theatre Resources Unlimited

TRU Producer Development & Mentorship Program Master Class

2021-22

Instructors: Jane Dubin, Jennifer Isaacson

September 2021 - January 2022

TRU Producer Development & Mentorship Program Foundations

Teste

Tested Out: 2021

Virtual LGBT+ Centre

Queer Play Writing Workshop

2020

Instructor: Naomi Westerman

August 2020

CONFERENCES

Association for Theatre in Higher Education

July 29 – August 2, 2020 in Detroit, MI

2020

"Test the Waters: Playwriting Opportunities in Michigan"

Panelists: Rachel Keown Burke, Micealaya Moses, David Quang Pham, Emilio Rodriguez

Accepted. The panel was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas

June 1-29, 2021 on WebEx and in Ciudad de México, México

2021

Key Volunteer.

June 19-20, 2020 on WebEx

2020

Volunteer.

ESSAYS & PUBLICATIONS

HowlRound

"Sign of Relief: Apprentice Shipment"

2021

Accepted pitch. The article is edited by the content editor, May Antaki.

FESTIVALS

Downtown Urban Arts Festival

Signature Theatre, 480 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036

2019-20

2020 Playwriting Finalist with TOUR

News: BroadwayWorld

PRODUCTIONS

Concert: Sing For Your Supper

Reach For It

2020-21

Associate Producer of the monthly concert series

March | July

Musical: ELLIPSES

Working Title Playwrights

2021

Self-Producer of animated demos and the concert reading on July 15, 2021

<u>Playbill</u> | <u>Poster</u> | <u>Trailer</u>

Budget: \$3057.50 | Fundraised & Granted: \$1020

RESIDENCIES

The Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences

Rabun Gap, Georgia Spring 2021

Accepted. The residency was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021

RESIDENCIES (cont.)			
Sundress Academy for Knoxville, Tennessee January 25 – February 1 Accepted. The residency		COVID-19 pandemic.	2021
SONG PERFORMANCES			
Cabaret on the Couch Kami Visitsak performe Footage News: Broadw	d "Valence" from TOUR on vayWorld	July 24, 2021	2020
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS			
Durban University of 2 <u>DigiFest</u> on October 19-			2021
Michigan State University Season 2 of <u>The Art of Adaptation</u> , College of Arts & Letters		2021	
The Story Collider Science Story Slam on January 22, 2021		2021	
TEACHING EXPERIENCES			
Master Classes Musical Writing Harlem Neighborh	ood Writers on October 9,	2021	2021
THEATRE EXPERIENCES			
Production	Role	Company	<u>Year</u>
Acting Oedipus Rex Pride and Prejudice Good Kids by N. Iizuka Spamalot	Oedipus Tyrannus Mr. Edward Gardiner Ty King Arthur	Michigan State – Arena Michigan State – Fairchild Michigan State – Auditorium Wyoming Theatre Company	2018 2016 2015 2013
Consultations and Dra Atoms by Joe Beck Constellations Constellations The Giver	maturgy New Play Dramaturgy Science Consultation Science Consultation Production Dramaturgy	Grand Rapids Community College Michigan State University Wyoming Theatre Company	2021 2019 2015 2013

THEATRE EXPERIENCES

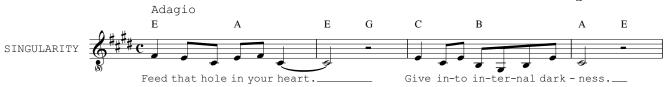
Crew 2016-17 Season Talent Shows Trunks 2 The Giver	Key Crew Sound Engineer Sound Engineer Sound Engineer	Summer Circle Theatre Wyoming Theatre Company Wyoming Theatre Company Wyoming Theatre Company	2017 2012-14 2014 2013
Curations			
Bay Area Playwrights F.	Reader	Playwrights Foundation	2021
AAPI Writing Contest	Selector	entertwine	2021
Sing For Your Supper	Curator	Reach For It	2020
Unexpected Play Fest.	Selector	Theatrical Outfit	2020
Orchestra			
Hair	Trombonist	Michigan State - Pasant	2015
Carrie	Music Technologist	Michigan State - Pasant	2014
On the Town	Trombonist	Wyoming Theatre Company	2012
The Wiz	Trombonist	Wyoming Theatre Company	2011

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CRUNCH

(Singularity, Cartwheel, Whirlpool, Triangulum, Andromeda, Milky Way)

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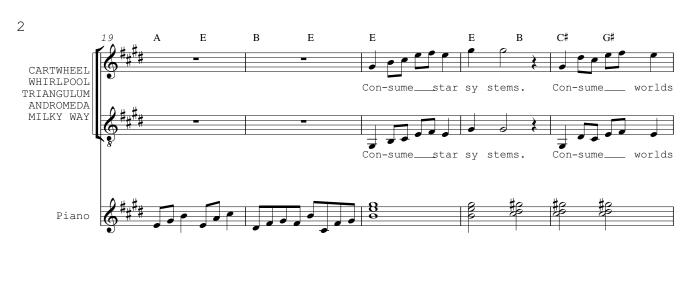


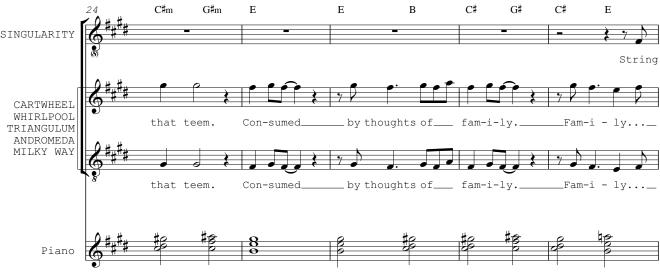






https://www.ellipsesplay.com/music/2-crunch









13WARP, WAVES, AND WRINKLES

(Milky Way, solar system{Sun, Eris, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Oort Cloud, ensemble})

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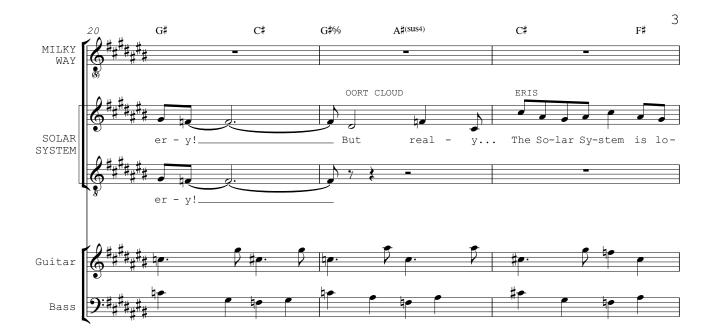
















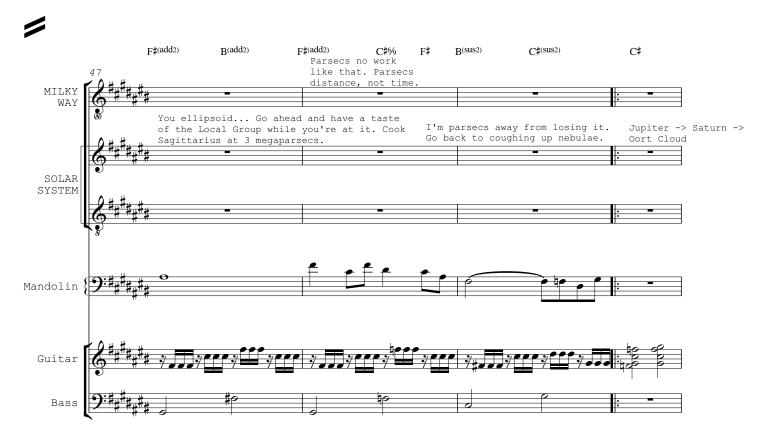


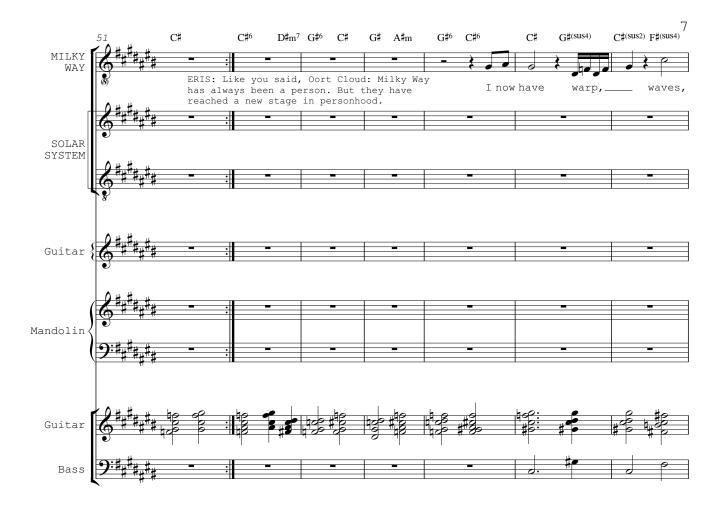






























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EDUCATION/TRAINING PROGRAMS				
Northern Arizona Univeristy, Flagstaff, AZ				
Bachelor of Arts in Music Minor in Religious Studies Shrine of the Ages Choir, opera theater assistant, choir historian				
				Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ
Vocal Music studies	2000-03			
A Cappella choir, Chamber choir, musical theater workshop, section leader				
Saint Petersburg Opera Company, Saint Petersburg, FL	2016			
Emerging Artists Program	2010			
Schaunard in <i>La Bohème</i> , Bella Voce Gala (selections from <i>Rent</i> , <i>Bohemian Rhapsody</i>),				
promotional performances and events.				
Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Cedar Rapids, IA	2015			
Resident Artist Program				
Inkeeper/Governor in <i>Man of La Mancha</i> , promotional performances and events.				
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ORGANIZATIONS/ARTS ADMINISTRATION				
Theater Resources Unlimited, New York, NY	2018-presen			
Staff administrator, membership relations, accounts payables/receivables, panel moderator,				
board monitor				
Modern Singer Magazine, remote	2018-2020			
Staff writer				
Spotlight on Opera, Austin, TX	2009-II			
Production assistant, stagehand, event coordinator				
Austrian American Mozart Academy, Salzburg, AT	2007			
Singer, resident liaison, event coordinator				
ARTS EDUCATION				
The Leadership Program, New York, NY	2019-21			
Drama club, vocal instruction	201) 21			
Bronx Opera Outreach, Bronx, NY	2018-20			
Music Appreciation, Dance	2010 20			
Camerata Piccola, New York, NY	2018-20			
Performances of children's operas: <i>Peter Rabbit, Rumlestiltskin</i> followed by talkback				
On Site Opera, New York, NY				
Performances of children's opera: <i>The Tale of the Silly Baby Mouse</i> followed by talkback	2020			
Prelude Opera, New York, NY	2019			
Performances of children's Opera: <i>The Billy Goats Gruff</i> followed by talkback	/			
Children's Philharmonia, Verona, NJ				

Performances of children's Opera: The Magic Flute (Papageno)

PUBLICATIONS

Modern Singer Magazine

The 10 People You Will Inevitably Meet At A Summer Program	06/2018
New Camerata Opera: A Company Serving The Community	09/2018
Where to Find Studio Space in New York City	11/2018
Three Pieces of Advice for Times of Struggle	12/2018
How To Enjoy NYC During Audition Season	12/2018
Application Advice From the Other Side of the Screen	07/2019
Should Your Sing For Free?	07/2020

PROFESSIONAL CHOIR

Fort Washington Choir, New York, NY	2018-20
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Professional singer, section leader

Union Church Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY 2018-present

Bass section leader, soloist

Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO 2011-14

Bass section leader, soloist

University Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX 2006-II

Bass section leader, soloist

Winter Opera St. Louis 2012-13

Chorister: Ballad of Baby Doe, Tosca, La Bohème

Austin (Lyric) Opera 2007-II

Chorister, Carmen, Die Fledermaus, La Cenerentola, Rigoletto, Dialogues des Carmelites, La Bohème, L'etoile, La Traviata, L'Italiana in Algeri.

PERFORMANCES

OPERA

Svegliato/Notaio	Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Paisiello)	Caramoor Festival(COVID)
Brently	Story of an Hour (Valenti)	Gramercy Opera
Benito	El Barbero de Sevilla	New Camerata Opera
Rodolfo	La Bohème (Leoncavallo)	Canadian Vocal Arts Institute
Alfio	Cavalleria Rusticana	Brooklyn Philharmonia Chorus
Richard	La Farranucci (Chesky)	Operavocateur Productions
Sandrino	<i>La Cifra (</i> Salieri)	dell'Arte Opera Ensemble
Soldier	Sorrows of Frederick (Wheeler)	Center for Contemporary Opera
Schaunard	La Bohème	Long Island Opera Company
Marco/ Schicchi (cv)	Gianni Schicchi	City Lyric Opera
Marullo	Rigoletto	Teatro Lirico d'Europa
Marchese d'Obigny	La Traviata	MidAtlantic Opera Company
Figaro	Le Nozze di Figaro	Manhattan Opera Studio
The Count	Capriccio	Apotheosis Opera
Barone Duphol	La Traviata	Adelphi Orchestra
George Page	Sir John in Love	Bronx Opera
King Melchior	Amahl and the Night Visitors	Brooklyn Philharmonia

Handsome La Fanciulla del West Apotheosis Opera St. Petersburg Opera Company Schaunard (cv) La Bohème dell'Arte Opera Ensemble Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Paisiello) Figaro L'Horloge Comtiose L'enfant et les Sortilèges Utopia Opera Il Registro Madama Butterfly Union Avenue Opera Winter Opera St. Louis Albert/Footman The Ballad of Baby Doe

CONCERT/ORATORIO

Featured Soloist Bach Der Herr denket an uns **Queens Consort** Brooklyn Philharmonia Chorus **Featured Soloist** Handel Messiah Brahms Ein Deutshces Requiem Brooklyn Philharmonia Chorus **Featured Soloist** New Camerata Opera Performer Black and White Gala Let's Just Sing Cornelia Street Café Recitalist Les belles et les beaux: Performer dell'Arte Opera Ensemble

A Beaumarchais Concert

Recitalist From Bach to Berg: Cornelia Street Café

A Tribute to Dietrich Fischer Dieskau

Recitalist American Composer: Jake Heggie Tavern of Fine Arts
Featured Soloist Vaughnn Williams Songs of Travel Tavern of Fine Arts
Recitalist Música Hispánica Tavern of Fine Arts
Recitalist Way Off Broadway Tavern of Fine Arts
Recitalist From Bach to Berg: Tavern of Fine Arts

A Tribute to Dietrich Fischer Dieskau

duBois Seven Last Words of Christ University Presbyterian Church **Featured Soloist** Faure Requiem University Presbyterian Church Featured Soloist Franco-American Vocal Academy **Featured Soloist** Bach A Christmas Oratorio **Featured Soloist** Ravel Don Quichotte à Dulcinée Franco-American Vocal Academy Duruflé Requiem University Presbyterian Church **Featured Soloist** Northern Arizona University **Baritone Soloist** Brahms Neue Liebeslieder Northern Arizona University **Featured Soloist** Handel Messiah Sun Valley Chorale **Featured Soloist** Handel Messiah Brahms Ein Deutshces Requiem **Baritone Soloist** Mesa Symphony

MUSICAL THEATER

Innkeeper/Governor Man of La Mancha Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre **Swing** Parade **TheaterWorks Enoch Snow** Act I Productions Carousel Closer Than Ever Man 2 Act I Productions Little Shop of Horrors Plant Patron Act I Productions Guys n Dolls Harry the Horse Act I Productions

STRAIGHT THEATER

Judge Gaffney	Harvey	NAU Theater
Buddhist Priest	The Water Children	Theater Outback
Jerry	Zoo Story	Theater Outback
Robert	The Blind Date	Theater Outback

FILM

Duc du DurfortJulie (George)CamerataWorksAnatolyThe CHESS ProjectViOp ProductionsRodolfo (Act 3)La Bohème (Leoncavallo)ViOp ProductionsPerformerCrossing PathsViOp ProductionsHostthe Spirit of Christmass a holiday specialViOp Productions

Host the Spirit of Christmas: a holiday special ViOp Productions
Recitalist Singing-in-Place Online Recital Series

EDUCATIONAL/COMMUNITY THEATER

Koko The Mikado Winter Opera St. Louis Spotlight on Opera Ford (cv) Falstaff Spotlight on Opera Zuniga Carmen Trouble in Tahiti Spotlight on Opera Sam Mr. Gobineau The Medium Spotlight on Opera Spotlight on Opera Alfio Cavalleria Rusticana Pirates of Penzance St. Edwards Symphony Samuel Gianni Schicchi Gianni Schicchi Spotlight on Opera Butler Opera Center Lindorf/Dr. Miracle Les contes d'Hoffmann Le nozze di Figaro **Butler Opera Center** Il Conte Gianni Schicchi Butler Opera Center Gianni Schicchi

Chris The Mother of us all
Dr. Falke Die Fledermaus Austrian American Mozart Academy
Figaro/Antonio Le nozze di Figaro Austrian American Mozart Academy
Orphée Orphée aux Enfer Franco American Vocal Academy
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Monostatos Die Zauberflöte Austrian American Mozart Academy Edwin Trial by Jury Flagstaff Light Opera Company Guglielmo Così fan tutte Austrian American Mozart Academy

Figaro Le nozze di Figaro NAU Opera

2021–2022 IDEA Opera Grants Budget Worksheet
Composer [David Quang Pham]
Librettist(s) [David Quang Pham]

Legend: DQP = author | JLC = facilitator, general manager | JAE = dramaturg

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES		
ltem	Notes	Cost
Vocalist fees	10 (\$150 each) Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/performer	\$1,500.00
Instrumentalist fees	Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/instrumentalist	\$500.00
Music director	Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/music_director	\$500.00
Conductor (Music Director)		
Dramaturg	JAE	\$500.00
Stage director	Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/stage_director	\$500.00
Vocal coach	Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/vocal_coach	\$500.00
Sound designer	Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/sound_designer	\$500.00
Rehearsal venue fees	Venue cost based on OA's concert hall at the rate of \$200/day (JLC's experience)	\$400.00
Performance venue fees	Prospective: St. Augustine Catholic Church, Washington, D.C.	\$200.00
Stage manager	Resources: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera/stage_director	\$500.00
Lighting rental		
Sound equipment rental	Quote: https://hartfordrents.com/locations/baltimore-md-audio-rental/	\$500.00
Instrumental cartage		
Graphic design	Samples: https://www.ellipsesplay.com/graphics	\$0.00
Web design	https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/idea_opera DQP has a UI/UX background	\$0.00
Printed programs	125 prints of 12-page programs (playbillder.com/pub/print_service_pricing)	\$182.00
Child care	Accessibility: contingency funds for 6 personnel or daily occurrences	\$180.00
Elder care	https://www.care.com/c/how-much-does-child-care-cost	
Research materials		
Transportation for creative personnel	JLC: NY <=> MD (\$79) & DQP: MI <=> MD (\$227) (fueleconomy.gov/trip/)	\$306.00
Transportation for performers		
Housing for creative personnel	4 nights (\$125+/two-bed room) for JLC & DQP	\$600.00
Housing for performers	College Park Marriott Hotel (DQP stayed in 2017 & 2019)	
Videographer	Based on Musical Monument's budget (https://youtu.be/mj61UdV1cTs)	\$500.00
Filmographer	Based on Musical Monument's budget (https://youtu.be/mj61UdV1cTs)	\$150.00
Other 3		
Other 4		
Other 5		
Total		\$8,018.00

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES		
Item	Notes	Cost
Composer commissioning fee (DQP)		
Librettist commissioning fee (DQP)		
Living expenses	\$45 for 3 breakfasts, lunches, dinners for 19 personnel	\$855.00
General administrative expenses	3 months payroll for administrator (DQP-JLC) at \$17/hr	\$3,600.00
Tuition expenses	DQP is in TRU Producer Development & Mentorship Program until January 2022	\$520.00
Professional development fees	3 workshops (2 rehearsal workshop, 1 showcase workshop)	\$300.00
Fundraising expenses	4 different crowdsourcing/fundraising platforms used by JLC	\$232.00
Ticket subsidies	Fees paid to ticketing platform based on 200 sales by JLC	\$258.00
Set, costume or properties construction	Props are necessary. 10 celestial costumes are optional	\$1,700.00
Total		\$7,465,00

2021–2022 IDEA Opera Grants Budget Worksheet, Continued		
Composer [David Quang Pham]		
Librettist(s) [David Quang Pham]		

Eligible Expenses	\$8,018.00
Ineligible Expenses	\$7,465.00
Total	\$15,483.00

INCOME		
Item	Anticipated	Received
OPERA America grant		
Ticket sales (if applicable)		
Other grant 1 (Yip Harburg Foundation)	Requested: \$3,865 (ineligable expenses minus admin.) Status: Pending	
Other grant 2		
Other grant 3		

Individual donation		
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$0.00

Tota	al Expense	\$15,483.00
Tota	al Income	\$0.00
Net	Profit/Loss	-\$15,483.00