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ELLIPSES

IDEA Opera Grants - 2021-2022

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Application Form

IDEA Opera Grants

Supported by the Charles and Cerise Jacobs Charitable Foundation

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*

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 has been composing love letters to science. After completing an astrophysics and theatre education at Michigan State University, he studied under Working Title Playwrights' Apprenticeship in Atlanta. Janelle Lawrence is his mentor. Since 2017, he has been crafting a particle physics opera. TOUR revolves around subatomic educators colliding in the academic 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 music has been performed at Cabaret on the Couch, Musical Theatre Factory, and Berkeley's Play Café. He plays the sackbut. Pham is the science dramaturg and planner at LMDA; a founding member of CreateTheater;

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the associate producer of Reach For It, Inc.; and a member of ΣΠΣ, ASCAP, and the Dramatists Guild. He traverses science communication through the human condition.

Teammate First Name, if applicable

[Unanswered]

Teammate Last Name, if applicable

[Unanswered]

Teammate role

[Unanswered]

Teammate bio

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Teammate Email

[Unanswered]

Work Samples

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

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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: Minka Wiltz (Singularity), Jason-Jamal Ligon (Cartwheel), Skye Passmore (Whirlpool), Abby Holland (Triangulum), Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Andromeda), Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way)

Context: "Crunch" is a song about family gatherings.

Sample 1 score or chart (optional)

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

crunch.pdf

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

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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: Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way), Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Oort Cloud), Daniela Cobb (Eris), Abby Holland (Uranus), Jason-Jamal Ligon (Saturn), Skye Passmore (Jupiter), Minka Wiltz (Sun)

Context: "Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles" is a song about self-love and adolescence. 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.

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SAMPLE 3

Sample 3 title*

"Bounce" — "Crunch" · ELLIPSES

Sample 3 A/V link

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/2021-9-22/opera_america/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: Minka Wiltz (Singularity), Vallea E. Woodbury (Gravity), Daniela Cobb (SPT0615-JD), Jason-Jamal Ligon (Cartwheel), Skye Passmore (Whirlpool), Abby Holland (Triangulum), Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel (Andromeda), Evan Hill Phillips (Milky Way), Kait Rivas (Tidals)

SAMPLE 4

Sample 4 title

"Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles" · ELLIPSES

Sample 4 AV Link

https://www.ellipsesplay.com/events/2021-9-22/opera_america/sample_4

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Sample 4 A/V passwork (if necessary)

Sample 4 composer

David Quang Pham

Sample 4 librettist (if applicable)

David Quang Pham

Sample 4 upload

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

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. All my parents ever watched were Eastern operas and Kabuki-esque theatre. So naturally, I compose on a pentatonic scale. As opposed to an eight-note diatonic scale in Western music, six notes are simple. Yet, if the instruments are primitive and the theme of the story is folksy, the opera is suddenly elaborate. The Universe I live in is minimal; it sounds plain. So, the universal plain is mostly dark matter (silence). That nature provides complexity. It is difficult to unravel this traditional fabric of spacetime. It is a challenge I accepted. I strive to unroll my culture's artistic scroll. 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. Science spins my creative process. I look for connections in my research in any branch of physics, particularly as a college student. At the Cyclotron, I felt that the quarks are also trying to attain a higher degree. In the Observatory, I noticed that the galaxies also felt aimlessly lost in our field. And these personifications are amplified and made special by my culture's inherent devotion to humanizing nature. We love to turn wind into ghosts. My mind is astrophysical and astral spiritual. These aspects grant me the spirit of the science musical writer.

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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*

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

ELLIPSES is an 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 Gravity (the family dog) 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. The talkback may be led by their UMD doctoral dramaturg, Ealey.

The sciart 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 plan to hold an event in DC on a Saturday in February 2022, coinciding with Black History Month and Lunar New Year.

An IDEA Opera Grant will help cover the venue rental for two rehearsals and the workshop. It will compensate 16 team members (dramaturg, stage manager, music director, stage director, ten vocalists, and two understudies), and cover the cost of travel and housing for the creative team from New York.

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Proposed project start date*

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

01/01/2022

Proposed project end date*

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

03/01/2023

Creative Team

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

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 (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's Old American Songs, directed a film of Mascagni's 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,

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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

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.

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.

Creator 3 name

[Unanswered]

Creator 3 role

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

[Unanswered]

Creator 3 bio

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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, Gravity, SPT0615-JD, Cartwheel, Whirlpool, Triangulum, Andromeda, Milky Way

Due to the open-ended and androgynous nature of each character, 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.

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 music director may be the pianist. 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.

<https://www.ellipsesplay.com/about/ellipses-set.pdf>

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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

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.

January 2022: Creative team meeting with author, stage director, music director, dramaturg, and facilitator

February 2022: 2 rehearsals & 30-minute Workshop followed with a talkback

Post-workshop: Creative team 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 [here](#) to provide your budget. Upload it as an Excel document.

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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.

Total requested funding*

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

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.

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.

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File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

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2014-18

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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 Datcheva-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>

Concert: Emerging Artist Representative of Musical Theatre Factory @ Cabaret on the Couch | 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 strength 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 **ΣΠΣ (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 **CreateTheater Experts Theater 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

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

2020–ongoing

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

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

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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](#)

Undiscovered Countries

September 12, 2021 at The City Reliquary, New York, NY 11211

2021

Performance of a Bake-Off Musical at Undiscovered Countries' Birthday Show

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

[Playbill](#) | [Poster](#) | [Trailer](#)

[Budget](#): \$3057.50 | Fundraised & Granted: \$1020

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RESIDENCIES

The Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences

Rabun Gap, Georgia

Spring 2021

2021

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

Sundress Academy for the Arts

Knoxville, Tennessee

January 25 – February 14, 2021

2021

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

SONG PERFORMANCES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Cabaret on the Couch

Kami Visitsak performed "Valence" from TOUR on July 24, 2021

2020

[Footage](#) | News: [BroadwayWorld](#)

DigiFest

Durban University of Technology on October 19-21, 2021

2021

[Website](#)

The Story Collider

Science Story Slam on January 22, 2021

2021

[Footage](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Master Classes

Musical Writing

[Harlem Neighborhood Writers](#) on October 9, 2021

2021

THEATRE EXPERIENCES

Production

Role

Company

Year

Acting

Oedipus Rex

Oedipus Tyrannus

Michigan State – Arena

2018

Pride and Prejudice

Mr. Edward Gardiner

Michigan State – Fairchild

2016

Good Kids by N. Iizuka

Ty

Michigan State – Auditorium

2015

Spamalot

King Arthur

Wyoming Theatre Company

2013

Consultations and Dramaturgy

Atoms by [Joe Beck](#)

New Play Dramaturgy

2021

Constellations

Science Consultation

Grand Rapids Community College

2019

Constellations

Science Consultation

Michigan State University

2015

The Giver

Production Dramaturgy

Wyoming Theatre Company

2013

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THEATRE EXPERIENCES (cont.)

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

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2CRUNCH

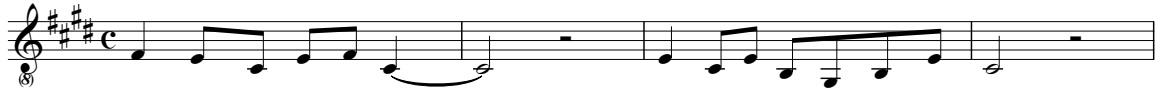
(Singularity, Cartwheel, Whirlpool, Triangulum, Andromeda, Milky Way)

DAVID QUANG PHAM

Adagio

E A E G C B A E

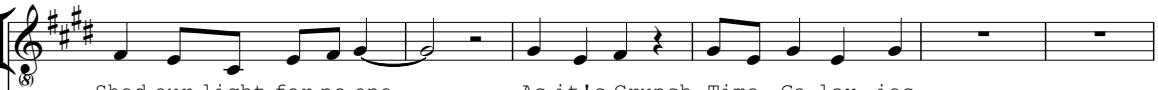
SINGULARITY



Feed that hole in your heart._____ Give in-to in-ter-nal dark - ness.____

5 E A E G#m A E B E E A E G#m

SINGULARITY



Shed our light for no one._____ As it's Crunch Time, Ga-lax-ies.

Piano



11 E A E G#m C#m B A E

SINGULARITY



In black holes, dwell wis-dom._____ Fed by the sprin-kles of star - dust.____

Piano



15 E A E G#m A E B E

SINGULARITY



Crush their dreams in your palm._____ It is Crunch_____ Time, my ba-bies.

Piano



19 A E B E E E B C# G#

CARTWHEEL
WHIRLPOOL
TRIANGULUM
ANDROMEDA
MILKY WAY

Con-sume__star sy stems. Con-sume__ worlds

Piano

24 C#m G#m E E B C# G# C# E

SINGULARITY

String

CARTWHEEL
WHIRLPOOL
TRIANGULUM
ANDROMEDA
MILKY WAY

that teem. Con-sumed____by thoughts of__ fam-i-ly.____Fam-i - ly...—

that teem. Con-sumed____by thoughts of__ fam-i-ly.____Fam-i - ly...—

Piano

29 E C#m E E C#m C#m E

SINGULARITY

by string in theor- y. And fa-bric by space-time fa bric.____ Hold

CARTWHEEL
WHIRLPOOL
TRIANGULUM
ANDROMEDA
MILKY WAY

Piano

SINGULARITY

33 A B F#m A B E E A

our love as a whole. It is Crunch Time, we be-lieve.

Piano

CARTWHEEL WHIRLPOOL TRIANGULUM ANDROMEDA MILKY WAY

38 E WHIRLPOOL B B E E TRIANGULUM B E B

It is Crunch Time, Singularity. It is Crunch Time, Singularity.

Piano

CARTWHEEL WHIRLPOOL TRIANGULUM ANDROMEDA MILKY WAY

42 E CARTWHEEL B B E E ANDROMEDA B E B

It is Crunch Time, Singularity. It is Crunch Time, Singularity.

Piano

CARTWHEEL WHIRLPOOL TRIANGULUM ANDROMEDA MILKY WAY

46 E MILKY WAY B B E E B E B

It is Crunch Time, Mommy Sing. JD is absent.

Piano

SINGULARITY

50 E B E B B E B E

It is Crunch Time, J D? S P T 0 6 1 5 J D?

Piano

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13 WARP, WAVES, AND WRINKLES

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

DAVID QUANG PHAM

Moderato

C# C#6 C#(add2) D#m(add4) G#6/9 F#6 G#6 A#m(add4) G#6 C#6 C#(add2)

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Milk-y Way's on their own. All a-lone. Know that for us at home:

Milk-y Way's on their own. All a-lone. Know that for us at home:

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7 D#m(add4) G#6/9 F#6 G#6 C#6 C#6 C#6 C#(add2)

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

You're the on - ly way for -ward, through warp, waves, and wrink-les.

You're the on - ly way for -ward, through warp, waves, and wrink-les.

12 $D\sharp_m(\text{add}4)$ $G\sharp\%6$ $A\sharp_m(\text{add}4)$ $G\sharp6$ $C\sharp6$ $C\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $D\sharp_m(\text{add}4)$ $G\sharp\%6$ $F\sharp6$ $G\sharp6$ $C\sharp6$

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Through it all. Thick and thin. Through the en - ti-re U-ni-verse.

Through it all. Thick and thin. Through the en - ti-re U-ni-verse.

Guitar

Bass

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18 $C\sharp$ $F\sharp$ $C\sharp$

MILKY WAY

OORT CLOUD

SOLAR SYSTEM not OORT

Your plan - et-ar-y friends feel like they're in your head. I - ma - gin

SOLAR SYSTEM not OORT

I - ma - gin

Guitar

Bass

20 G# C# G#% A#(sus4) C# F# 3

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

OORT CLOUD ERIS

er - y! But real - y... The So-lar Sy-tem is lo-

er - y!

Guitar

Bass



23 C# C# F# C# C# F#(add2) G#(add2)

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

SOLAR SYSTEM not ERIS ERIS URANUS: Check a mirror!

cat-ed on your arm. One of sever- al... Arms, in fact.

SOLAR SYSTEM not ERIS:

One of your four...

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

27 $C\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $F\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $C\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $G\sharp\flat$ $C\sharp$ $F\sharp(\text{sus}2)$ $G\sharp(\text{sus}2)$ $C\sharp$ $F\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $G\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $C\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $F\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $C\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $G\sharp\flat$ $C\sharp$
 What's mirror? I never know what I look like...

MILKY WAY

URANUS: It's the thing to check what you look like! SATURN: Neither do we. But take it from us, we know you're beautiful on the inside!

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

33 $F\sharp(\text{sus}2)$ $G\sharp(\text{sus}2)$ $C\sharp\flat$ $C\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $D\sharp_m(\text{add}4)$ $G\sharp\flat$ $F\sharp\flat$ $G\sharp\flat$

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Scu-tum-Crux arm. Per - se-us arm. Nor-ma, Cyg- nus.

Scu-tum-Crux arm. Per - se-us arm. Nor-ma, Cyg- nus.

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

37 A#m(add4) G#6 C#6 C#(add2) D#m(add4) G#6 F#6 G#6

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Bass

Sag-it-tar-i- us. Arm and heart. We're home on the O - ri- on.

Sag-it-tar-i- us. Arm and heart. We're home on the O - ri- on.



41 C#6 F# B(add2) C#(add2) F#(add2) B(add2)

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

OORT CLOUD: You are Magellanic. They're not planets and you don't need to imagine. We hid a present in your waves.

Arm so small and so min- or.

Arm so small and so min- or.

44 F#(add2) C#% F# B(sus2) C#(sus2) F# B(add2) C#(add2)
I gravitate my feelings...

MILKY WAY

OORT CLOUD: Like you, they have existed from the beginning of time. They signify perseverance and longevity- Don't eat your natural satellites!

SOLAR SYSTEM

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass



47 F#(add2) B(add2) F#(add2) C#% F# B(sus2) C#(sus2) C#
Parsecs no work like that. Parsecs distance, not time.

MILKY WAY

You ellipsoid... Go ahead and have a taste of the Local Group while you're at it. Cook Sagittarius at 3 megaparsecs. I'm parsecs away from losing it. Go back to coughing up nebulae. Jupiter -> Saturn -> Oort Cloud

SOLAR SYSTEM

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

51 C# C#6 D#m7 G#6 C# G# A#m G#6 C#6 C# G#(sus4) C#(sus2) F#(sus4)

MILKY WAY

ERIS: Like you said, Oort Cloud: Milky Way
has always been a person. But they have I now have warp, _____ waves,
reached a new stage in personhood.

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass



58 C# G#(sus4) C#(sus2) F#(sus4) A#(sus2) A#(sus4) C#(sus2) F#(sus4) G#% F#%

MILKY WAY

and wrink-les. I live with it. Warp, _____ waves, and wrink-les. _____

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Bass

63 F#6 G#6 C#6 C# C# C#

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

I love my- self.



67 C# C#6 D#m7 G#6 C# G# A#m

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

71

G^{#6} C^{#6} C^{#6} C^{#(add2)} D^{#m(add4)} G^{#%} F^{#6} G^{#6} A^{#m(add4)} G^{#6}

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Ha-lo friend and our home. Pro-tec-tor and our ride.

Ha-lo friend and our home. Pro-tec-tor and our ride.

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass



76

C^{#6} C^{#(add2)} D^{#m(add4)} G^{#%} F^{#6} G^{#6} C^{#6} F(sus2) F(sus4) A^{b(sus2)} D^{b(sus4)}

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Hitch-hik-er and the on - ly way out of_ our..._ Warp, _ waves,

Hitch-hik-er and the on - ly way out of_ our..._ Warp, _ waves,

Guitar

Guitar

Bass

82 Eb% Db% Db6 Eb6 Ab6 C# C#

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

and wrink-les! _____ We love it all!

and wrink-les! _____ We love it all!

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass



86 C# C# C# C#6 D#m7 G#6 C#

MILKY WAY

SOLAR SYSTEM

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

91 G# A#m C#6

MILKY WAY

Sun: Any more radio outbursts and I'll supernova your asteroids! Our warp, waves, and SOLAR SYSTEM

SOLAR SYSTEM

Our warp, waves, and

Our warp, waves, and

Guitar

Mandolin



94 C#6 Lightly tr G# A#m G#6 C#6

MILKY WAY

wrink-les!

SOLAR SYSTEM

wrink-les!

wrink-les.

Guitar

Mandolin

Guitar

Bass

2021–2022 IDEA Opera Grants Budget Worksheet		
Composer [David Quang Pham]		
Librettist(s) [David Quang Pham]		
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES		
Item	Notes	Cost
Vocalist fees		
Instrumentalist fees		
Music director		
Conductor		
Dramaturg		
Stage director		
Vocal coach		
Sound designer		
Rehearsal venue fees		
Performance venue fees		
Stage manager		
Lighting rental		
Sound equipment rental		
Instrumental cartage		
Graphic design		
Web design		
Printed programs		
Child care		
Elder care		
Research materials		
Transportation for creative personnel		
Transportation for performers		
Housing for creative personnel		
Housing for performers		
Other 1		
Other 2		
Other 3		
Other 4		
Other 5		
Total		\$0.00

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES		
Item	Notes	Cost
Composer commissioning fee		
Librettist commissioning fee		
Living expenses		
General administrative expenses		
Tuition expenses		
Professional development fees		
Fundraising expenses		
Ticket subsidies		
Set, costume or properties construction		
Total		\$0.00

2021–2022 IDEA Opera Grants Budget Worksheet, Continued

Composer [David Quang Pham]

Librettist(s) [David Quang Pham]

Eligible Expenses	\$0.00
Ineligible Expenses	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

INCOME

Item	Anticipated	Received
OPERA America grant		
Ticket sales (if applicable)		
Other grant 1		
Other grant 2		
Other grant 3		
Individual donation		
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$0.00

Total Expense	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00
Net Profit/Loss	\$0.00