As the scholarship portal did not allow video submissions, I'd like to include links to shows I have arranged and produced for my band that I am particularly proud of. Some were contracted projects, while others were community contributions

1. MeloDious at 3319 Marche (free show)
   https://youtu.be/UFLS7LBSTqw?si=zj54Zmj-uR-PUyKM

2. MeloDious Tiny Desk

We funded our own Tiny Desk video after realizing we were ineligible to enter due to age.
https://youtu.be/ZhfJl6mLPFw?si=MX8fYCMIONAD0YR9

3. MeloDious at SJ Jazz Festival

Here is a piece from a set I arranged for our first major jazz festival as a band. This experience played a significant role in developing my passion for musical direction. I believe that financial support throughout my educational journey will allow me to continue creating opportunities like these while also helping me develop and support other artists who deserve similar opportunities but may not have access to the resources needed to make them possible.

https://youtu.be/8zIbmcYgx0k?si=dHRHEOGbJ44E3hRR

My original song performed at the historic Ruth Williams' Black Opera House. I wrote this piece during the period discussed in my essay, using music as an outlet and a way of life I deeply observe. This live arrangement was part of a set we created celebrating Black History Month and Black artists.

https://youtu.be/9b-hcjX2PNM?si=mhxSj7fLxA5GJRdw

4. Lift Every Voice and Sing

As a band, we only perform the Black national anthem, *"Lift Every Voice and Sing,"* rather than the U.S. national anthem. We were initially contacted by the Warriors to sing the national anthem, and after explaining that we would only perform *"Lift Every Voice and Sing,"* they ultimately decided to move forward with someone else. However, two days before the game, they reached back out and asked us to perform the Black national anthem instead. I arranged the performance just one day before the game. Since then, we've been invited back to perform at a Valkyries game, and they've moved the placement of *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* from the beginning of the program to the very end.

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