## **Statement of Mentorship**

I have been coaching the Montani Quartet on a weekly basis. I suggested and guided the selection of more diverse repertoire for their current recital project. I have been assisting them in finding resources to support their understanding of this new musical language. "Juba" has a particularly rich and nuanced context, and I have pointed them to research sources, in addition to coaching them on performance aspects.

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