

I remember meeting Anna Schoff 8 years ago. I began musical studies under the direction of her and her husband Dean Schoff at Pima Community College. I remember that day vividly as she was like a lightning bolt in the form of music. Her galvanic personality captivated everyone in the room as she had such a way of helping others to achieve seemingly insurmountable obstacles. I started musical vocal studies with her at the community college and in their private studio. From the very first lesson I heard and saw improvements that were simply inspirational.

Anna has worked with me in vocal performance, stage presence, piano accompaniment, vocal anatomy, self-presentation, vocal health, life coaching as well as toning. I had limited experience in foreign languages prior to my studies with Anna. Having had the opportunity to develop and strengthen my linguistic aptitudes with her in the studio as well as in competition, concert, and traveling internationally, my eyes have been opened to a world that was up to that point, purely conceptual.

Her years in the field as an opera singer nationally and internationally and her practical life experience have taught me so much for the stage and beyond. I attribute my personal successes in working with the Arizona Opera, being a sought after soloist in the Tucson and greater Arizona community and having the opportunity to be a professional accompanist would not have been possible, had it not been for the many hours of coaching and encouragement from Anna. I count Anna Schoff as a voice teacher, a confidant, a life coach and a life long friend.