

I met Anna when I was just 16 years old. I'll never forget the first lesson when I sang for her and her husband, tenor Dean Schoff. I was so nervous and slightly intimidated by this talented and beautiful couple! But since that first lesson, I have been truly blessed to have Anna in my life as a teacher, mentor, and friend.

As a private voice teacher, Anna has helped me fix technical problems that obstructed my ability to sing clearly and strongly. She guided me in my study of languages, music theory, and different styles of repertoire, from both opera and musical theater.

I was blessed to be part of the Opera Scenes program that Anna and Dean taught. It was there that all students learned stage etiquette, stage acting and movement. But more than that, we learned how to embody our characters, physically and vocally; to express beyond ourselves through the music we sang. She challenged all of us to push our boundaries as performers. Without this experience, I would never have had the opportunity to learn and perform so much material!

As a mentor, Anna has helped me tackle difficult moments in my life and has encouraged and guided me to be a more patient, honest, and independent woman. She has been a rock for me through depression and anxiety and has helped me to learn more about myself. I have struggled with self-confidence with my singing, and she has helped me to let go of my doubts and fears and embrace and enjoy what I am so passionate about.

Nowadays, I spend most of my time traveling abroad. But whenever I am in Tucson, I have to spend time with Anna. Not only because she is an excellent voice teacher who can always get me to sing better, but because she is a trusted and loved friend. I encourage anyone who wants a good, talented and sympathetic teacher and/or friend to give her a call!