

Opera Philadelphia Student Experience

“Within Opera Philadelphia, I witnessed the genuine, warm efforts to break the barriers and carry the message of opera to those who are blind. For an upcoming article I will be publishing soon, I interviewed a gracious woman, Nicole, who audio describes our operatic performances. She meticulously records and translates what she sees and is the eyes for those who cannot physically watch. Not to mention, some of our artists sing in Italian; not all are in English! After the interview, I was deeply touched by our company’s efforts to enhance accessibility to anyone who seeks an opera show. My main goal for the upcoming article is to spread awareness on the need to help underrepresented communities of any sort for all those who want to experience musical entertainment—not just those who can.”

--Abby So, 2021 Opera Philadelphia SHIP student