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She saw and celebrated my gift and instincts as a singer while gently improving and finessing my overall technique. I am in awe of her technical knowledge and skill but even more so of how effectively she communicates it to her students. Vocal lessons with Kate have been a game changer for me. In the spring of 2021, I was devastated to learn that I had suffered a post-COVID, illness-related vocal injury which we ultimately learned would require a surgical procedure.

Kate stayed by my side throughout every step of my injury, surgery, rehabilitation and recovery. In addition to our intensive weekly vocal therapy sessions, Kate assembled a team of the finest speech therapist, diagnostician and surgeon for me - all of whom demonstrated a deep respect for her work.

A mesmerizing performer in her own right, Kate understands the ins and outs and the highs and lows of being an artist in this world. She also understands the emotional impact of a vocal injury and encourages a conservative, holistic approach for healing. She was deeply reassuring when I was at my lowest and also helped me release some of the stigma and misunderstanding that I had around the complex causes of vocal injuries.

I don't know that I have ever experienced the level of support that Kate offered me by anyone outside of my immediate family. She dedicated an enormous amount of time, love, energy and research to my healing and recovery. Our professional relationship continues to this day, but I also consider Kate to be my advocate and dear friend. I am forever grateful and plan to study with her for years to come. Thank you, Kate!