

**ANNA NELSEN**

**EPISODE 6 SCRIPT**

CLIP OF AMBASSADORS SINGING “LOCH LOMOND” FADES IN, THEN OUT [0:00-0:08]

MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS LIKE, WHEN I WAS A KID, WE’D BE IN THE CAR AND HE WOULD LIKE TURN AROUND AND LIKE QUIZ ME, AND HE’D BE LIKE, “WHO WROTE THAT SONG?,” AND I’D BE LIKE, “I DON’T KNOW LED ZEPPELIN,” LIKE, SO I ALWAYS LIKE ROCK MUSIC FIRST BECAUSE LIKE MY, IT’S WHAT MY DAD ALWAYS MADE ME LISTEN TO IN HIS CAR, AND THEN I LIKE STARTED PLAYING GUITAR HERO, LIKE I DIDN’T REALLY CARE ABOUT MUSIC THAT MUCH, AND THEN I STARTED PLAYING GUITAR HERO A LOT, AND THEN I JUST STARTED LIKING, LISTENING TO MUSIC MORE, AND THEN THAT LED TO ME, LIKE, AND I WAS ALWAYS LIKE DOING LIKE LITTLE SKITS AND STUFF, SO I WAS ALWAYS PRETTY INTERESTED IN THEATER AND STUFF, AND THEN I KIND OF STARTED LIKING MUSIC, AND THEN THEATER, AND THEN I LIKED MUSICAL THEATER, AND THEN THAT BRANCHED OUT TO ME LIKING MUSIC SO MUCH.

[0:08-0:39]

CLIP OF AMBASSADORS SINGING “LOCH LOMOND” FADES IN, THEN OUT

[0:40-0:47]

A PASSION FOR MUSIC, A PASSION FOR THEATER, AND A PASSION FOR PERFORMING. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT SENIOR ERIC BEMBENEK ENJOYS. ERIC IS A SINGER IN SELECT SOUND, AMBASSADORS, AND GREYHOUND SOUND AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL.

I'M ANNA NELSEN FOR W-H-J-E, AND YOU'RE LISTENING TO MUSIC TO MY EARS.

[0:48-1:07]

CLIP OF AMBASSADORS SINGING "LOCH LOMOND" FADES IN, THEN OUT

[1:07-1:19]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "LET IT BE" FADES IN, THEN OUT

[1:22-1:35]

WELL FOR SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE, I WAS IN THE GENERAL MUSIC CLASS, LIKE I WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN PERFORMING THAT MUCH, AND THEN I DID THE MUSICAL SEVENTH GRADE, AND THEN I DECIDED I WANTED TO DO CHOIR EIGHTH GRADE, SO THAT WAS MY FIRST YEAR OF CHOIR.

[1:36-1:46]

I SANG FOR LIKE THREE YEARS, AND THEN FRESHMAN YEAR, I STARTED REALLY GETTING INTO INSTRUMENTS, AND THEN I TAUGHT MYSELF HOW TO PLAY GUITAR, AND DRUMS, AND BASS GUITAR, AND PIANO, AND ALL SORTS OF STUFF, SO NOW I PLAY A LOT OF INSTRUMENTS, AS WELL AS SINGING, BUT IT STARTED OUT AS JUST SINGING.

[1:47-2:02]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "LET IT BE" FADES IN, THEN OUT

[2:02-2:06]

FRESHMAN YEAR I WAS IN JUST THE FRESHMAN CHOIR, THE COUNTERPOINTS, AND THEN SOPHOMORE YEAR I MADE AMBASSADORS, AND THEN I WAS IN JUST AMBASSADORS SOPHOMORE YEAR AND JUNIOR YEAR, AND THEN THIS YEAR, I'M IN

AMBASSADORS AND SELECT SOUND, WHICH IS THE A CAPPELLA CHOIR, AND THEN I'M ALSO IN APPLIED MUSIC, WHICH IS LIKE A MUSICAL THEATER REPERTOIRE BUILDING CLASS, SO NOW I'M IN THREE CHOIRS TECHNICALLY. [2:06-2:25]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "LET IT BE" FADES BACK IN, THEN OUT [2:26-2:29]

KATHERINE KOONS IS ONE OF THE CHOIR DIRECTORS AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, AND HAS SEEN ERIC PROGRESS TREMENDOUSLY SINCE HIS FRESHMAN YEAR. [2:30-2:36]

ERIC HAS PROGRESSED A LOT SINCE HE STARTED HERE, I MEAN HE ALWAYS SHOWED A LOT OF PROMISE AND TALENT; HE CAME IN AS A FRESHMAN REALLY ENERGETIC, AND JUST SUCH A BIG PERSONALITY, BUT I THINK WHEN HE WAS A FRESHMAN, HE WAS MORE SEEN AS KIND OF THIS EXUBERANT, GREAT PERFORMER, AND NOT NECESSARILY RECOGNIZED FOR BEING AS AMAZING OF A SINGER. HE ALWAYS HAD A GOOD VOICE, BUT I THINK HE, HE WAS NOTICED MORE FOR HIS PERSONALITY ONSTAGE AND HIS PERFORMANCE APPEAL. AND THEN AS THE YEARS HAVE GONE ON, HE HAS REALLY FINE-TUNED HIS VOICE, AND REALLY NOW BECOME BOTH A GREAT PERFORMER, AS WELL AS A REALLY STRONG MUSICIAN. [2:38-3:20]

FOR LIKE THE THEATER SHOWS THAT I'LL DO, WE'LL REHEARSE MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY UNTIL FIVE, AND THEN AMBASSADORS WILL REHEARSE IN CLASS AS WELL AS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS SIX TO NINE, AND THEN LATER MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY SIX TO NINE, AND THEN SELECT SOUND REHEARSES IN CLASS, AND THEN I MEET WITH AN AUDITION COACH SOME NIGHTS, SO IT'S PRETTY BUSY, BUT IT'S FUN. [3:21-3:39]

YEAH IF YOU PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, THEN WHEN YOU GET TO REHEARSAL IT'S WAY MORE FUN BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, SO I SPEND A GOOD BIT OF TIME PRACTICING ON MY OWN. [3:40-3:47]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "LET IT BE" FADES BACK IN, THEN OUT [3:47-3:51]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "HOME" FADES IN, THEN OUT [3:52-4:04]

MAKING THOSE STRONG FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN THE MOST FUN, BECAUSE LIKE EVERY FRIEND, ALL MY BEST FRIENDS YOU KNOW ARE FROM AMBASSADORS.

[4:04-4:08]

I FEEL LIKE IT DOES A GOOD JOB OF LIKE FOSTERING GOOD PEOPLE, LIKE AMBASSADORS, LIKE, IT'S, IT'S A CHOIR, BUT LIKE I FEEL LIKE, LIKE YOU WOULDN'T MAKE AMBASSADORS IF YOU WEREN'T GONNA BE A GOOD PERSON. I THINK LIKE IT'S, IT'S LIKE AMBASSADORS IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD, LIKE, YOU KNOW YOU'RE A GOOD AMBASSADOR TO THE SCHOOL, TO THE COMMUNITY, TO YOURSELF, SO I WOULD SAY, UH IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, IT MAKES YOU A GOOD PERSON, SO I LIKE THAT.

[4:09-4:29]

THAT'S SO CLICHE TO BE LIKE, "MUSIC CHANGED MY LIFE." YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IT'S, IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT I DO PRETTY MUCH ALL DAY EVERY DAY AND I LOVE DOING IT SO, I MEAN LIKE WHY STOP, YOU KNOW. I LOVE IT.

[4:29-4:40]

HARD WORK WILL LIKE BEAT TALENT WHEN TALENT DOESN'T WORK HARD; YOU KNOW THAT'S LIKE A, THAT'S LIKE A CLICHE OLD SAYING, BUT LIKE BECAUSE IT'S, IT'S SO HEAVILY LIKE PERSONAL LIKE DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS TOO MUCH BECAUSE EVERYBODY HAS LIKE SPECIAL GIFTS. [4:42-4:53]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "HOME" FADES BACK IN, THEN OUT [4:54-4:58]

HIS RANGE HAS ALSO INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY; HE STARTED OFF AS A REAL LOW BASS, AND NOW IS SINGING ALL THE WAY UP TO HIGH TENOR PRETTY EASILY, WHICH HAS MADE HIM PRETTY FLEXIBLE AND VERSATILE IN A LOT OF THE CHOIRS.

[4:59-5:10]

SINGING IS LIKE SO NATURAL LIKE IT'S JUST LIKE SOMETHING THAT LIKE I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO. SO LIKE, I DON'T KNOW SINGING ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL BETTER. UM, AND THEN LIKE PERFORMING, I JUST LOVE LIKE SHARING WHAT I'VE REHEARSED WITH AN AUDIENCE, SO IT'S JUST A, IT'S JUST A GREAT FEELING.

[5:11-5:24]

HONESTLY, LIKE I COULDN'T TELL YOU; IT JUST ALWAYS FELT RIGHT. LIKE, I DON'T KNOW, I, LIKE I LEARN MOST OF MY MUSIC THAT I PLAY, LIKE WITH INSTRUMENTS BY EAR, WHICH IS KINDA STRANGE; LIKE I CAN READ MUSIC, BUT LIKE I DON'T KNOW IT JUST ALWAYS FELT LIKE SOMETHING I SHOULD BE DOING, AND I ALWAYS HAD A BIT OF A NATURAL, LIKE KNACK FOR IT, LIKE I WAS NOT GOOD AT SPORTS OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU KNOW, AND LIKE I'M NOT, I'M DYSLEXIC, LIKE I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT, YOU

KNOW READING OR WRITING, SO I JUST THOUGHT, MUSIC JUST SEEMED, UH, RIGHT FOR ME, AND LIKE SOME PEOPLE HAVE IT AND SOME PEOPLE DON'T; I JUST SEEMED TO, SO.

[5:24-5:53]

CLIP OF SELECT SOUND SINGING "HOME" FADES BACK IN, THEN OUT

[5:54-6:01]

WELL I THINK LIKE IF MUSIC'S DONE PROPERLY IT CAN MAKE YOU FEEL ANY WAY THAT YOU WANT TO FEEL BECAUSE IT'S, IT'S ART SO IT'S ALL SUBJECTIVE, IT'S ALL INTERPRETIVE. IT, IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE IT, IT'S PRETTY CALMING I GUESS. IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL ANY WAY YOU WANT IT TO MAKE YOU FEEL IF YOU'RE LISTENING TO IT CORRECTLY I FEEL LIKE.

[6:01-6:14]

CLIP OF AMBASSADORS SINGING "SING A SONG/I GOT THE MUSIC IN ME" FADES IN, THEN OUT

[6:14-6:25]

YOU KNOW I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT ERIC; IT'S GONNA BE REALLY HARD WHEN HE GRADUATES THIS YEAR. HE IS SUCH A BRIGHT SHINING LIGHT IN EVERY ROOM THAT HE WALKS INTO. HE JUST HAS NATURAL POSITIVITY, AND GOD, I MEAN EVEN WHEN HE'S HAVING A ROUGH DAY, HE WALKS IN, AND IS JUST BUBBLY, AND EXCITED, AND FUNNY; I MEAN MY GOSH HE'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PEOPLE I'VE EVER MET, JUST NATURALLY, AND UM REALLY HAS A WAY OF MAKING EVERYBODY AROUND HIM BETTER, AND HAPPIER. THAT IS A, THAT'S A GREAT GIFT. EVEN AS A TEACHER, SOMETIMES ON DAYS WHEN I'M FEELING FATIGUED OR DOWN,

OR WHATEVER, ERIC CAN WALK IN, AND IT'S LIKE, "OH. THIS IS GONNA BE A GOOD DAY."

[6:25-7:11]

YEAH, NO I PLAN ON AUDITIONING, UH, TO GO TO COLLEGE AT EITHER BELMONT, OR UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, OR COLUMBIA CHICAGO, SO UM I'M PLANNING ON MAJORING IN MUSICAL THEATER IN COLLEGE.

[7:14-7:24]

UH JUST TO BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED AS A PERFORMER SOMEWHERE. I, LIKE YOU KNOW IT'S, IT'S CLICHE TO BE LIKE, "BROADWAY," BUT LIKE ANY WORKING IN A THEATER WOULD BE AMAZING.

[7:24-7:34]

CLIP OF AMBASSADORS SINGING "SING A SONG/I GOT THE MUSIC IN ME" FADES BACK IN, THEN OUT

[7:34-7:49]

ALL MUSIC IN THIS PIECE WAS PERFORMED BY THE AMBASSADORS AND SELECT SOUND. FOR W-H-J-E, THIS HAS BEEN ANNA NELSEN. MORE STORIES LIKE THIS CAN BE FOUND AT W-H-J-E DOT COM.

[7:50-8:03]

CLIP OF AMBASSADORS SINGING "SING A SONG/I GOT THE MUSIC IN ME" FADES BACK IN, THEN OUT

[8:04-8:34]