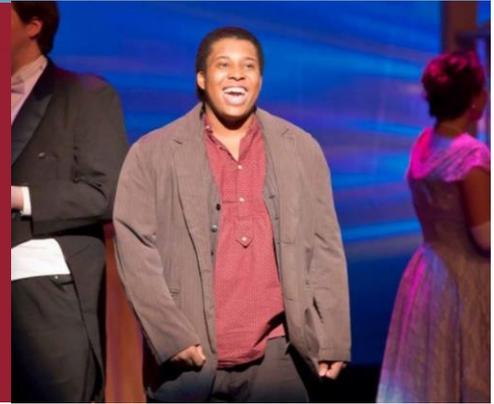


**BENJAMIN BURNEY | ITALY, 2016**

- Vocal Performance and Music Business at Anderson University in Indiana
- Increased Italian language skills and diction in the other romantic languages
- Gained professional experience through performing with the Coro Sinfonica di Milano Giuseppe Verdi

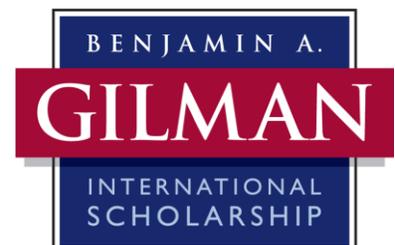


**Gilman Alumni Ambassador**

During his study abroad in Milan, Italy, Benjamin encountered new aspects of his career among the boundless opportunities abroad. Many of his studies focused on acquiring and utilizing skills in the Italian language, developing a professional and personal brand to make him more desirable in his field, and exploring the various tiers in producing and marketing concerts in local venues. He used what he learned in his private, vocal instructions to create an opera with his peers for the community of Milan. His love of traveling to different countries accompanied with his music aspirations is what is driving him to pursue an international career in opera.

Benjamin's time in Italy allowed him to find a new appreciation and understanding of multicultural competency. With Italy's rich background in several cultures and heritages, he was able find a sense of equality. This opportunity to study abroad has given him the skills and courage to pursue his graduate studies abroad. Since his return home, Benjamin auditioned for and has been cast in the upcoming 2017-2018 season for the Indianapolis Opera.

“My study abroad experience did not end when the wheels of the plane touched the runways of Chicago, it continues through word-of-mouth, in each performance I do, and the lives here soon to be forever changed when they click ‘Submit’ on their Gilman application.”



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