

## **Hadley's Latest Podcast Features World Renowned Artist John Bramblitt on How Vision Loss Has Shaped His Painting and Life**

John Bramblitt was an accomplished sketch artist in his youth. After losing his sight in college he all but gave up on any aspirations to pursue a career as an artist. Then he found painting. "The wonderful thing about paint is that you can touch and feel it," Bramblitt explains in the latest episode of the podcast [Hadley Presents: A Conversation with the Experts](#).

Hosted by Ricky Enger, the acclaimed podcast features experts on a wide range of topics unique to vision loss. In the newest episode of *Hadley Presents*, Bramblitt shares with Enger how he distinguishes colors by their texture and paints following raised lines on the surface of a canvas by altering the consistency of the paint.

"The thought of paint and texture came to me when I first learned to use a white cane," said Bramblitt. "My cane became an extension of my fingers. I could feel the grass and all the cracks in the concrete and sidewalks. So I thought why couldn't I do the same on a canvas?"

Since that discovery, Bramblitt's career has taken off as recognition for his artistry become more prolific and his influence spread. He would eventually gain a global reputation as one of the few blind artists, working closely with museums like the Guggenheim and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Throughout the pandemic Hadley's classes and [discussion groups focusing on the arts](#), including sculpting, knitting, scrapbooking and quilting - as well as other [hobbies and gaming](#) - have been among the most popular, particularly as more individuals with visual impairments shelter-in-place and pick up an old craft or discover new creative forms of expression as a way to positively get through the pandemic.

As distance learning experts, Illinois-based Hadley serves those with vision loss by providing practical help at no cost. Following months of development, Hadley recently reenvisioned its online educational platform, [Hadley.edu](#) to include a wide selection of free how-to online workshops on topics, live support from experts, and timely discussion groups, including the podcast *Hadley Presents*. Listen to past episodes [here](#), or any place you listen to podcasts.

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