



## Disability Representation Playlist



Representation matters! Seeing characters with disabilities on screen can help shape how people understand, relate to, and appreciate people with disabilities offscreen. Here are some TV Shows and Films recommended by our Teaching Artists and Creative Associates that feature actors with varying disabilities.

*What else should we be watching? If you have a suggestion to add to our list, please let us know by emailing [admin@ableensemble.com](mailto:admin@ableensemble.com)*

SHOW	What's it about?	Where to Watch?
<b>Glee</b> 	<p>Musical comedy-drama following a high-school competition Glee Club.</p> <p>The cheerleader <b>Becky (Lauren Potter)</b> has Down Syndrome.</p> <p>Artie is a wheelchair user but the actor who plays Artie is not actually disabled. Is this positive representation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple TV</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> </ul>
<b>American Horror Story</b> 	<p>Horror-drama series spanning 13 seasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Jamie Brewer</b>, actor with Down Syndrome is in 5 seasons</li> <li>-<b>Mat Fraser</b> has a physical disability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Netflix</li> <li>- Apple TV</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> <li>- Hulu</li> </ul>
<b>As We See It</b> 	<p>Comedy following 3 autistic roommates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> </ul>

<p><b>Born This Way</b></p> 	<p>A reality show following young adults who have Down Syndrome (4 seasons)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple TV</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> <li>- Hulu</li> </ul>
<p><b>Special</b></p> 	<p>Comedy created AND starring a gay man with cerebral palsy: <b>Ryan O'Connell</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Netflix</li> </ul>
<p><b>Deaf U</b></p> 	<p>Reality show following a group of Deaf students at Gallaudet University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Netflix</li> </ul>
<p><b>Everythings Gonna Be Okay</b></p> 	<p>Comedy that features several autistic characters and is created by a writer with autism and ADHD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ABC</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> <li>- Hulu</li> </ul>
<p><b>Love On The Spectrum</b></p> 	<p>A reality series following Autistic young adults dating and looking for love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Netflix</li> </ul>

<p><b>Secret Life of the American Teenager</b></p> 	<p>Drama that features a character with Down Syndrome played by <b>Luke Zimmerman</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ABC</li> <li>- Apple TV</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> <li>- Hulu</li> </ul>
<p><b>Never Have I Ever</b></p> 	<p>Comedy-drama following childhood experiences in Boston. Features <b>Lily D. Moore</b>, an actor with Down Syndrome who plays an aspiring fashion designer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Netflix</li> </ul>
<p><b>FILM</b></p>	<p><b>What's it about?</b></p>	<p><b>Where to Watch?</b></p>
<p><b>The Peanut Butter Falcon</b></p> 	<p>An adventure featuring a man with Down Syndrome who aspires to be a wrestler (played by <b>Zach Gottsagen</b>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple TV</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> <li>- Hulu</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wonderstruck</b></p> 	<p>Mystery film following 2 Deaf people's stories including <b>Millicent Simmonds</b> (a Deaf actor who is also in the horror film <i>A Quiet Place</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple TV</li> <li>- Amazon Prime</li> </ul>

<p><b>CODA</b></p> 	<p>Drama following a character who is the only hearing member of a Deaf family. It features many Deaf actors.</p>	<p>-Apple TV</p>
<p><b>Monica &amp; David</b></p> 	<p>Documentary following a married couple with Down syndrome</p>	<p>-Amazon Prime</p>