FRIDAY, OCT 21
CODA | 7 PM - 9:00 PM + Q&A
Ruby is the only hearing member of a deaf family from Gloucester, Massachusetts. In joining her high school’s choir club, Ruby finds herself drawn to both her duet partner and her latent passion for singing.

Q&A: Interview with Troy Kotsur and Sian Heder. Moderated by Shoshannah Stern. | 9:00-9:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCT 22
Imperfect | 1:45 PM–3:05 PM + Panel
Imperfect is a story of artists who live and perform with the uniqueness of disability, and have historically been denied their place in the spotlight.

Why haven’t we come farther in authentically addressing disability on the big screen? This panel will look at what may be holding Hollywood back from advancing disability diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
Moderator: Andrea Jennings, Panelist: Nasreen Alkhateeb, Panelist: Ryan Damodaran, Panelist: Rod Carrillo-Lundgren, Panelist: Kurt Yaeger

Engracia Figuera Tribute | 4:30 PM – 4:40 PM

Maricarmen | 4:40 PM–6:00 PM + Panel
Maricarmen Graue is a cello player, music teacher, writer, and marathon runner. Blind and living alone, she subverts any expectations of helplessness with a biting sense of humor and a fierce attitude.

Panel: Are We There Yet? Authentic Representation in Film | 6:00PM-7:00PM
When films portray the experience of people with disabilities, should those films be cast with actors who have disabilities? This panel will explore authentic representation, where we are, and where we still need to go.
Moderator: Tobias Forrest, Panelist: Ashley Eakin, Panelist: Natalie Gross, Panelist: Kristen Lopez, Panelist: Elle Potruch

SUNDAY, OCT 23
Finding Nemo | 1:30 PM–3:20 PM
When Nemo swims too close to the surface of the ocean, he is caught by a diver. His dad, Marlin, must set out to find him. A blue reef fish named Dory joins Marlin and complicates the encounters with sharks, jellyfish, and a host of ocean dangers. Meanwhile, Nemo plots his escape from a dentist’s fish tank.

Kids Sunday Funday Dance Party Hosted by Inclusion Matters and Straight Up Abilities | 3:20 PM - 3:50 PM

Poppy | 4:10 PM–5:50 PM
Poppy is the story of a young woman with Down syndrome who refuses to be defined by disability and decides to take control of her own life.

Rising Phoenix: Tokyo, Episode 3 | 6:30 PM–8:00 PM + Panel
From the team behind the Rising Phoenix movie on Netflix, Rising Phoenix: Tokyo follows the experiences of 12 Paralympians from 11 countries and the wider Paralympic movement from the moment that the world began to close down up until many of them competed at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Panel: LA28 Paralympics and Olympics and the Impact on Disability Inclusion Worldwide | 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Moderator: Tatyana McFadden, Panelist: Ashley Dos Santos, Panelist: Leroy Moore, Panelist: Greg Nugent, Panelist: Matt Wiener
SATURDAY, OCT 22

11:00 AM–12:45 PM  ReelAbilities International Shorts Program followed by Q&A
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**Bigger Than Us**
Directed by Maya Albanese | USA | 2021 | 16 minutes | English
A behind-the-scenes documentary about the making of world’s first-ever, SAG-registered feature film Best Summer Ever, made by a majority disabled cast and crew.

**Prosopagnosia**
Directed by Steven Fraser | United Kingdom | 2022 | 10 minutes | English
Prosopagnosia uses expressive animation to investigate intimacy, communication and memory. Prosopagnosia means face-blindness and to understand this neurodiverse behaviour, the contents of a memory box are intricately explored. Sketchbooks, photographs and diaries unravel to tell a unique and personal story.

**Louis’ Shoes**
Directed by Théo Jamin, Kayu Leung, Marion Philippe, Jean-Géraud Blanc | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | French
Louis, an 8-and-a-half year old autistic boy, introduces himself at his new school in this imaginative tale about difference and acceptance.

**Beautiful**
Directed by Mulan Fu | USA | 2022 | 6 minutes | Chinese
A teenage girl undergoes a transformative growth as she witnesses her mother’s fight against breast cancer.

**Davey’s Lullaby**
Directed by Adam Douglas Deyoe | USA | 2022 | 9 minutes | American Sign Language, English
Davey, a cheerful and loving man with Down Syndrome, lives with his elderly mother who cares for his numerous needs.

**Aimee Victoria**
Directed by Chrystee Pharris | USA | 2022 | 11 minutes | American Sign Language
Aimee Victoria is a short film conceived and created entirely remotely during the lockdown of 2020 and inspired by true stories of relationships from disabled and LGBTQIA people.

**See Through**
Directed by Eyal Resh | USA | 2019 | 11 minutes | American Sign Language
Jessie and Brian, a young Deaf couple, recently discovered they are about to become parents.

**Beat Lingo**
Directed by Jose Navas | USA | 2022 | 16 minutes | English
Marcus, a reserved teenager with mutism, attends public school for the first time in his life.

**Borderline Coffee**
Directed by Jeff Ayars | USA | 2022 | 10 minutes | English
A young woman with crippling anxiety is taken on a journey when she sets out to accomplish what would seem to be a simple task: a cup of coffee.

**The Runner**
Directed by Ryan Mack | USA | 2015 | 13 minutes | English
After being separated during a dangerous mission to retrieve an important package, a runner and her blind partner must risk their lives as they escape down a post-apocalyptic coastline from a mysterious evil force.

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11:00 AM–12:15 PM  2022 Easterseals Disability Film Challenge Winners and Select Nominees + Panel Discussion
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**Mac & Cheese (Best Film, Best Director, Best Editor)**
Directed by Amanda Pinto | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | English
An everyday hero grapples with friendship, responsibility, and the decision to eat (or not to eat) his roommates mac & cheese.

**Seven (Best Actor)**
Directed by Marie Alyse Rodriguez | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | English
A 19 year old girl is removed from her normal life after finding out she’s the next slayer and the only one who can save the world.
SHORT FILM PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, OCT 23 CONT

Superhero, Inc. (Best Writer)
Directed by Liz Whitmere and Christine Bélanger | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | English
What happens when an unstoppable telekinetic job hunter encounters an immovable hiring manager? A mess, probably.

ILY (Awareness Campaign Award)
Directed by Christine Marshall | USA | 2022 | 4 minutes | English
ILY is about five girlfriends in their early twenties. They are not superheroes or anti-heroes but regular girlfriends talking about what regular girlfriends do: career, dating, sex and relationships.

Fantastic Ideas and where do we find them?
Directed by Robert James Ashe | USA | 2022 | 2 minutes | English
Two kiddos come up with an idea for a superhero movie. Our cast comprises of two children born with orthopedic disabilities.

Heroes in Training
Directed by Brittany Phillips | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | English
Four villains find redemption, and tap into their inner hero.

Cindy & Piper Drive to McDonald’s
Directed by Shannon DeVido | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | English
Piper and Cindy, the newest members of the Sanction Society, just want to eat but obstacles keep getting in their way.

Taco Tuesday
Directed by John Lawson | USA | 2022 | 6 minutes | English
A young woman, with the ability to see into the future, uses her superpower to fight crime.

In the Mirror
Directed by Natasha Jimenez | USA | 2022 | 4 minutes | English
When the camera stops rolling a social media influencer is forced to face her biggest nemesis, herself.

Aphasia Superheroes
Directed by Dr. Gillian Velmer | USA | 2022 | 5 minutes | English
For the millions around the world who have aphasia, adversity wears many disguises, but within each of those affected, an Aphasia Superhero is waiting to be revealed...

Pandora
Directed by Anna Pakman and Jd Michaels | USA | 2022 | 6 minutes | English
What if you had the ability to take any superpower in the world? Supervillain Pandora has traveled the globe collecting superheroes’ powers.

One Step Ahead
Directed by Lena Lenzen and José Americo | 2022 | 5 minutes
Timor-Leste, Asia’s youngest country, has taken on a massive and thought-provoking step: to aim for the full inclusion of people without disabilities.

Life Trials
Directed by Tal Anderson and Vickie Anderson | USA | 2022 | 6 minutes | English
A struggling super hero regains his confidence with the help of a wise and unrelenting super friend.

Andy & Kaloipe
Directed by Crystal Arnette and Catriona Rubenis-Steven | USA | 2022 | 6 minutes | English
When Andy must move to yet another foster home, his case worker helps him connect to his inner superhero.