



Marlee Matlin received worldwide critical acclaim for her film debut in Paramount Pictures' *Children of a Lesser God*, for which she received the Academy Award for Best Actress. At 21, she became the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar and only one of four actresses to receive the honor for her film debut. In addition to the Oscar, Marlee received the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Drama. In 2021, Marlee was nominated once again as Executive Producer for the Live Action Short, *Feeling Through*, and her Apple TV+ film *CODA* was nominated for three Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Marlee broke another barrier once again when she and her *CODA* cast became the first deaf actors to be recognized as Best Ensemble in a feature film from the SAG Awards. In 1994, Marlee was appointed by President Clinton to the Corporation for National Service and in 2010, Marlee joined President Barack Obama at the White House in ceremonies celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Marlee has also starred in numerous television projects, including *Seinfeld*, *The West Wing*, *Law and Order SVU*, *The L Word*, *Switched At Birth*, *The Magicians* and *Quantico*, garnering four Emmy nominations along the way. In 2015, Marlee made her Broadway debut in the Tony nominated revival of *Spring Awakening*.

In addition to her film, TV and stage work, Marlee broke barriers when she starred on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* and in 2012, Marlee released her first app, appropriately titled *Marlee Signs*, teaching American Sign Language to millions of smart phone users. She has also penned three novels for children, as well as her New York Times best-selling autobiography, *I'll Scream Later*.

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Testimonials

Marlee provided a story of a woman that has overcome much adversity and has never allowed a disability to be a crutch. Her story was uplifting, light and, energetic. She brought an element of animation our luncheon hasn't had in many years.

- The Recovery Resource Council.

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Speech Topics

- Overcoming Adversity
- Motivation
- Inspiration
- Diversity

