



## Rationale for Including blind and vision impaired actors in Theatre

The ultimate question is, why in this day and age are actors with disabilities so often excluded from main stream theatre? More specifically, why should Blind and Vision Impaired actors not be included in your theatre productions?

Some of the most common answers include:

- Lack of awareness or exposure to this group
- Fear, related to safety concerns
- Questions and/or doubts about their abilities

Here are Supporting arguments for inclusion to consider:

1. They bring skills and experience to the stage.
2. They represent and showcase an unknown sector of our demographic.
3. They bring reality and creativity to any role calling for someone with this disability.
4. They decrease stereotyping and stigmata
5. They promote and increase awareness of their talents and abilities.
6. They provide a means of changing the culture, language and conversation from "disability to ability."
7. They exemplify life's diverse reality.
8. They foster possible opportunities of inclusion for actors with other disabilities.
9. They promote equality and facilitate accessibility.
10. They reduce or eliminate fear.
11. Their hidden stories and life experiences offer new material for theatre productions
12. They promote inclusion which increases acceptance in other areas of society.

The most important reason is this; they have the right to be included.

This talented vibrant sector of society ought to be in your next production.

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