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Deaf Actor Sean Berdy and his Recent Work in Teen Dramas



27-year-old Sean Berdy has been a prominent deaf actor ever since his role in the iconic 2005 film *The Sandlot 2*. His roles continue to bring awareness of deaf representation in the media as well as show off his talent for entertaining. His most famous role was in the 2011 Freeform series *Switched at Birth* where he played Emmett Bledsoe, a love interest and crucial character who tackles many issues on the stigma around the deaf community.

Berdy's most recent role as Sam in Netflix's 2019 drama *The Society* also portrays deaf representation and ASL. The apocalyptic series inspired by *Lord of the Flies* is about a group of High schoolers that come back from a school trip to a deserted town with no parents. Sam, portrayed by Berdy, tackles the situation with ease, although he is the only deaf teen and has trouble with his problematic brother.

Overall Berdy's career is extensive and remarkable, and his activism with deaf representation as well as tackling the stigma around mental health is what the

media needs. Berdy also has a Youtube channel in which he creates music videos in ASL and other fun videos to educate and entertain his fans.

Other Fun Facts on Sean Berdy:

- Born in Boca Raton, Florida.
- Was Mr. Deaf Teen America in 2010.
- Recently opened up about struggle with Bipolar Disorder and shed light on Mental Health awareness.
- Speculation around him writing a romantic movie that utilizes ASL in which it may go into production within the next couple of years.

Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/seanberdy/videos

How to Watch *The Sandlot 2*: www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5HV6dVFjmU

How to watch *Switched at Birth*: reeform.go.com/shows/switched-at-birth

How to Watch *The Society*: Netflix

