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# Leah J. Zelaya

*Differently Able: Wears bilateral leg braces (walking), & Uses wheelchair (long distances)*  
Gender: Female, DOB: 9/1/2007, Weight: 91lbs, Height: 4'11", Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

## EXPERIENCE:

### Film:

*Marry Me (w/ Jennifer Lopez & Owen Wilson)*

Principal: Pi-thon (Leah)

Universal/ Director Kat Coiro

### TV Program:

*Sesame Street: Episode 5120 "Family Day"*

Extra: Self

HBO Max and OTHERS ("Exhibitor")

### Adaptive Dancer:

*Dancing Dreams New York, NY: 2013- Present*

- 8 performances including the Meredith Vieira Show & Lincoln Center
- "City Nights" 2019: Assisted choreographing a dance piece entitled "Jewelry Store", inspired by NYC Ballet "Jewels"
- Filmed a Promo video for Dancing Dreams Organization (see video on Instagram\*)

### Muscular Dystrophy Association 2020 New York State Ambassador:

*Muscular Dystrophy Association New York, NY: 2012- Present*

- *Representing thousands of families in New York State living with neuromuscular diseases*
- Participated in several MDA Muscle Walks, raising money for MDA causes
- DC Public Policy & Advocacy 2016, 2019, & 2020: Spoke to New York Senators and Congressional Representatives on behalf of thousands of families in New York State with neuromuscular diseases regarding: accessible air travel, newborn screening, healthcare reform and the orphan drug act.

### Speaker:

*New York University Doctoral Program 2019 & 2020 New York, NY:*

- Spoke to graduate Physical Therapy students regarding life experiences in living with a disability, experiences with physical therapist & medical staff, & life accomplishments.

### Fashion Collaborator:

*Open Style Lab Summer 2020:*

- Collaborated on creating functional stylish wearable solutions with and for people with disabilities.

### Fashion Model:

*New York Fashion Week, powered by Art Hearts Feb. 2020:*

- Walked for Lulu Et Gigi Couture, Designer: Eni Hegedus-Buiron Parisian Circus Collection

## TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

### ***MDA Kevin Hart Kids Telethon:***

- October, 24, 2020 (YouTube: LOLNETWORK)
- Appeared on Live TV with Kevin Hart
- Shared personal Story and talents to raise awareness and funding for Neuromuscular Diseases

### ***Meredith Vieira Show New York, NY:***

#### ***Dancing Dreams Dancer:***

- September 8, 2014 (YouTube: A Performance by the Girls of Dancing Dreams/The Meredith Vieira Show)
- March 28, 2016 (YouTube: Dancing Dreams Follow Up After Lincoln Center Performance/The Meredith Vieira Show)

### ***39th Annual Salute to Women in Sports Event:***

#### ***Women's Sports Foundation New York, NY:***

- October 2018: Walked Red Carpet with Billie Jean King, and Paralympian Oksana Masters (Woman of the Year)
- Participated in the March of Athletes
- Personal Story on the National Girls & Women in Sports Day February 2019 To view login to: [ngwsd.org>story>leah-j-zelaya](http://ngwsd.org/story/leah-j-zelaya)

## EDUCATION:

- *Home Schooled 2012- Present: 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Awarded in Literacy 2017, 2018, 2019*

## TRAINING:

- Improvisation, On Camera Acting - w/ Kay Aston on the set of "Marry Me", Universal
- Scene Study, Comedy, On Camera Acting -w/Eden Malyn (1on1-present)
- Voice Training Soprano: Vocal exercises, abdominal breathing, vocal skill building, harmonizing, & soloist W/ Caitlin McKechney

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

- Bilingual: English & Spanish
- Adaptive Skier: Adaptive Sports Foundation (2018 Hartman Race: Bi-Ski Champ 1<sup>st</sup> Place Girls' Division) YouTube: "Leah's first Skiing Adventure (Bi-ski)" uploaded by Bevy Zel
- Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in WSF's Essay contest 2019: "*What Inspires You to Keep Playing*"
- Enjoys photography, making make-up, & slime tutorials, team player, very outgoing

### **\*Featured Websites & Magazines**

1. Elle Magazine: (elle.com) "This Teen Designer Is Fighting To Make Fashion Accessible To All"  
[https://www.elle.com/fashion/trend-reports/a33587986/leah-zelaya-accessible-fashion-zipper-hack-open-style-lab/?utm\\_campaign=socialflowTWELM&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social-media](https://www.elle.com/fashion/trend-reports/a33587986/leah-zelaya-accessible-fashion-zipper-hack-open-style-lab/?utm_campaign=socialflowTWELM&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social-media)
2. Women's Sports Foundation Website: Personal Story entitled "Lead Her Forward"  
[www.womenssportsfoundation.org](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org)
3. Dancing Dreams Website: (Dancer) [www.dancingdreams.org](http://www.dancingdreams.org)
4. Quest Magazine - Muscular Dystrophy Association: Quest Issue 1, 2020 article entitled "All In the Family"
5. Action Magazine: Personal Story "Catherine's Spiral Mind" Jan/Feb 2020