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NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:05.120 Good afternoon and welcome to grand Rounds.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:05.120 --> 00:00:07.160 Before we get started with today's

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:07.160 --> 00:00:09.465 presentation, just a heads up about

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:09.465 --> 00:00:11.430 next week we're having someone

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00:00:11.506 --> 00:00:13.854 coming even further than New York.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:13.854 --> 00:00:15.544 Next week we're having someone

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:15.544 --> 00:00:17.403 coming from Texas to join us

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:17.403 --> 00:00:19.077 and that is Doctor Lisa Campo,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:19.080 --> 00:00:19.952 Engelstein Engleson,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:19.952 --> 00:00:24.098 I'm sorry who is an attorney and an expert

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:24.098 --> 00:00:27.566 on legislation on transgender related issues.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:27.570 --> 00:00:30.549 She has been very public in the in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:30.549 --> 00:00:32.270 press and we're really very privileged.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:32.270 --> 00:00:34.446 That she is coming, so that's next week.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:34.450 --> 00:00:37.103 And doctor Cardona is I'm extending on
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:37.103 --> 00:00:40.007 your behalf and invitation board both the
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:40.007 --> 00:00:42.397 hour before grand Rounds and the hour
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:42.397 --> 00:00:44.011 after grand Rounds where we're going
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:44.011 --> 00:00:45.999 to have some time to meet with her.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:46.000 --> 00:00:48.530 So that's next week.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:48.530 --> 00:00:51.610 And today I'm just so delighted
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:51.610 --> 00:00:53.386 to have this presentation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:53.390 --> 00:00:55.375 I've been looking forward to
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:55.375 --> 00:00:57.360 it for a long time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:57.360 --> 00:00:59.700 Jake Gluckman graduated from Yale
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:00:59.700 --> 00:01:02.440 College a couple of years ago,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:02.440 --> 00:01:06.059 and upon graduation he did a clean,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:06.060 --> 00:01:09.620 clean sweep of every music related award,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:09.620 --> 00:01:12.860 which at Yale University is no small thing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:12.860 --> 00:01:16.764 And among other of his many musical talents,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:16.770 --> 00:01:18.891 he wrote a musical that we're going

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:18.891 --> 00:01:21.420 to be hearing about and we're going to

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:21.420 --> 00:01:24.516 be hearing clips of called my world.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:24.516 --> 00:01:26.556 And as you will see,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:26.560 --> 00:01:28.534 this is not just music that we're

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:28.534 --> 00:01:28.998 talking about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:28.998 --> 00:01:32.593 We're talking about many things about life,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:32.593 --> 00:01:33.619 about medicine,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:33.619 --> 00:01:36.184 and certainly about autism and

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:36.184 --> 00:01:39.780 social narratives related to it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:39.780 --> 00:01:45.016 After Jake graduated, he spent some time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:45.020 --> 00:01:47.060 He started when he was in in college,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:47.060 --> 00:01:49.223 coming to Winchester one to the our

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:49.223 --> 00:01:50.936 inpatient unit and visiting and

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:50.936 --> 00:01:52.736 getting familiar with our kids,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:52.740 --> 00:01:55.524 with our unit with a roll of music.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:55.530 --> 00:01:57.987 After he graduated and he was in New York,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:01:57.990 --> 00:02:00.654 he kept coming back to the unit and
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:00.654 --> 00:02:02.668 putting together a group of students.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:02.670 --> 00:02:05.296 Both Yale and other other students,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:05.296 --> 00:02:08.698 as part might tell us a little
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:08.698 --> 00:02:10.870 bit about this outfit in New York
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:10.870 --> 00:02:12.420 City that he worked with,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:12.420 --> 00:02:13.906 called here your song,
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:13.906 --> 00:02:16.202 in which he worked with kids with
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:16.202 --> 00:02:18.153 various disabilities trying to
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:18.153 --> 00:02:22.030 express themselves through song.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:22.030 --> 00:02:24.514 And Jake is currently at Bryn Mar in a
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:24.514 --> 00:02:27.046 post back on his way to medical school.
NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:27.050 --> 00:02:27.592 And boy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:27.592 --> 00:02:29.760 are we going to be lucky to have

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:29.828 --> 00:02:31.808 a physician with his sensitivity

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:31.808 --> 00:02:33.392 and with his talents.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:33.400 --> 00:02:34.780 And fasten your seat belts.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:34.780 --> 00:02:36.780 And Jake, welcome and welcome to your family,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:36.780 --> 00:02:37.740 and you'll introduce some

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:37.740 --> 00:02:38.960 special guests as we go along.

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:38.960 --> 00:02:39.716 So, Jake, Luckman,

NOTE Confidence: 0.799827466

00:02:39.716 --> 00:02:40.190 come on.

NOTE Confidence: 0.652372418571429

00:02:49.110 --> 00:02:51.140 Just to take this one on Google.

NOTE Confidence: 0.23639151

00:03:09.110 --> 00:03:10.040 Antastic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:11.500 --> 00:03:14.220 Alrighty. It's going to make

NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:14.220 --> 00:03:16.940 sure the mouse works fantastic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:16.940 --> 00:03:19.380 Hi, everybody, and hello to

NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:19.380 --> 00:03:21.260 everyone joining from zoom.

NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:21.260 --> 00:03:22.948 Thank you all so much for coming and
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:22.948 --> 00:03:24.696 thank you Doctor Martin for that very,
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:24.700 --> 00:03:27.118 very lovely introduction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:27.120 --> 00:03:28.688 My name is Jake.
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:28.688 --> 00:03:31.350 I graduated from Yale back in 2021,
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:31.350 --> 00:03:34.140 and I'm here today to talk to you about
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:34.214 --> 00:03:36.806 a musical that I wrote that is loosely
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:36.806 --> 00:03:39.937 based on my brother who's an autistic adult.
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:39.940 --> 00:03:41.865 And I'm also going to be talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:41.865 --> 00:03:43.483 about how that experience inspired
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:43.483 --> 00:03:45.679 me to want to pursue medicine,
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:45.680 --> 00:03:48.515 and what that experience taught me about
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:48.515 --> 00:03:50.314 the incredibly profound intersection
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:50.314 --> 00:03:52.899 between medicine and the humanities.
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:52.900 --> 00:03:56.710 So before I go any further.
NOTE Confidence: 0.880650445

00:03:56.710 --> 00:03:57.390 Oops.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:04.510 --> 00:04:05.914 Going back, going back,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:05.914 --> 00:04:08.699 going back. There we go.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:08.700 --> 00:04:09.888 Uh, before we go any further,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:09.890 --> 00:04:11.584 I would like to start with two,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:11.590 --> 00:04:14.450 I think very important disclaimers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:14.450 --> 00:04:16.538 The first of which is that I'm going to
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:16.538 --> 00:04:18.656 be telling you a story about autism.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:18.660 --> 00:04:20.820 One story with my own
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:20.820 --> 00:04:22.980 very biased point of view.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:22.980 --> 00:04:25.710 I cannot, nor would I ever want to speak to
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:25.782 --> 00:04:28.519 the full experience of the autism spectrum,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:28.520 --> 00:04:29.364 because the classic saying,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:29.364 --> 00:04:30.880 as I'm sure many of you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:30.880 --> 00:04:33.496 is that if you know one autistic person,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333
00:04:33.500 --> 00:04:35.385 then you really only know
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333

00:04:35.385 --> 00:04:36.516 one autistic person.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333

00:04:36.520 --> 00:04:37.948 The second piece I want to
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333

00:04:37.948 --> 00:04:39.580 bring up is the discussion,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333

00:04:39.580 --> 00:04:41.320 the much discussion around the language
NOTE Confidence: 0.7728679733333333

00:04:41.320 --> 00:04:43.169 we use when talking about autism.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:45.870 --> 00:04:48.126 Some people argue for person first
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:48.126 --> 00:04:50.480 language or person with autism and
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:50.480 --> 00:04:52.425 some people argue for identity,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:52.430 --> 00:04:55.280 first language or autistic person.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:55.280 --> 00:04:56.792 Some people might argue that it
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:56.792 --> 00:04:58.462 is important to define the person
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:58.462 --> 00:04:59.678 outside of their disability,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:04:59.680 --> 00:05:01.600 that by saying person with autism
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:05:01.600 --> 00:05:03.688 we are separating the person from
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:05:03.688 --> 00:05:05.558 the disability that defines them.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294

00:05:05.560 --> 00:05:07.569 Although I would like to argue that

NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:07.569 --> 00:05:09.970 part of the neurodiversity movement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:09.970 --> 00:05:11.542 Is showing how?
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:11.542 --> 00:05:13.638 You can't separate autism
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:13.638 --> 00:05:15.210 from someone's identity.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:15.210 --> 00:05:17.322 Being autistic is an identity filled
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:17.322 --> 00:05:19.809 with joy and sadness and love and
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:19.809 --> 00:05:21.504 pain and everything in between.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:21.510 --> 00:05:22.252 So therefore,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:22.252 --> 00:05:24.478 for the rest of the presentation
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:24.478 --> 00:05:27.160 I will be doing my best to
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:27.160 --> 00:05:28.652 use identity first language.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:28.660 --> 00:05:30.360 So Doctor Martin already?
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:30.360 --> 00:05:33.679 Introduced you a little bit to who I am.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:33.680 --> 00:05:37.159 Maybe a little delay on this slide.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907649718235294
00:05:37.160 --> 00:05:37.850 No.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:40.050 --> 00:05:43.330 Area so a little bit more about me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:43.330 --> 00:05:44.280 So as Doctor Martin said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:44.280 --> 00:05:46.058 I graduated from Yale in 2021
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:46.058 --> 00:05:47.786 with a BA in American Studies,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:47.790 --> 00:05:49.110 and for as long as I can remember,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:49.110 --> 00:05:51.330 performing and music and storytelling has
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:51.330 --> 00:05:54.110 always been such a big part of my life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:54.110 --> 00:05:56.310 I was a member of three singing groups,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:56.310 --> 00:05:57.670 including the Elpis Wings,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:57.670 --> 00:05:59.562 Yale Whiffenpoofs, and Yale Glee Club.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:05:59.562 --> 00:06:01.796 I know it probably seems like too
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:01.796 --> 00:06:03.866 much singing for one person's time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:03.870 --> 00:06:05.550 But then, shortly after I graduated,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:05.550 --> 00:06:07.446 I started working for an incredible
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:07.446 --> 00:06:09.010 organization called Hear your Song,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:09.010 --> 00:06:10.966 whose mission is to empower children

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:10.966 --> 00:06:13.003 and teens with serious illnesses and

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:13.003 --> 00:06:15.362 complex health needs to make their voices

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:15.362 --> 00:06:17.640 heard through collaborative songwriting.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:17.640 --> 00:06:19.450 Through that, through that organization,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:19.450 --> 00:06:22.450 I led songwriting sessions for over 300 kids,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:22.450 --> 00:06:25.426 ages 6 to 18. And.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:25.426 --> 00:06:28.306 I feel like that experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:28.310 --> 00:06:30.962 Really showed me the power of

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:30.962 --> 00:06:33.350 combining music and helping people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:33.350 --> 00:06:34.687 And it also introduced me to the

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:34.687 --> 00:06:35.999 incredible field of narrative medicine,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:36.000 --> 00:06:38.304 which I'll touch on a little bit later

NOTE Confidence: 0.82167420125

00:06:38.310 --> 00:06:39.794 during the early months of the pandemic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:41.870 --> 00:06:43.550 After I had written this musical,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:43.550 --> 00:06:45.699 my world, I realized that what I

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:45.699 --> 00:06:48.095 loved most about writing the show was
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:48.095 --> 00:06:50.201 the ability to think critically and
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:50.271 --> 00:06:52.466 deeply about autism and disability.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:52.470 --> 00:06:54.354 So overtime I started to explore
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:54.354 --> 00:06:56.219 what a career path might look
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:56.219 --> 00:06:58.387 like to allow me to do just that,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:06:58.390 --> 00:07:00.398 but I'll get into more of that later.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:00.400 --> 00:07:01.750 And so shortly after I finished
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:01.750 --> 00:07:03.179 my time to hear your song,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:03.180 --> 00:07:05.588 I began my pre medical studies at
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:05.588 --> 00:07:07.580 brenmar colleges Postbac Premed program,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:07.580 --> 00:07:10.690 which I will finish up in just a few months.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:10.690 --> 00:07:12.970 So before I talk more into depth about
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:12.970 --> 00:07:15.306 my world and the process of the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:15.310 --> 00:07:18.253 I want to show you a clip of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:18.253 --> 00:07:20.559 songs premiere back in 2019.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:20.560 --> 00:07:22.920 The show, which I started writing in 2017,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:22.920 --> 00:07:23.952 is, Simply put,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:23.952 --> 00:07:26.016 a show about an autistic person

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:26.016 --> 00:07:28.273 named Benji and his dream of

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:28.273 --> 00:07:29.745 becoming a marine biologist.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:29.750 --> 00:07:31.480 The show also explores benjy's

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:31.480 --> 00:07:32.864 relationship with his father,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:32.870 --> 00:07:33.785 mother and brother,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:33.785 --> 00:07:35.920 but I wanted to make sure that

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:35.989 --> 00:07:38.125 Benjy's story was at the forefront.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:38.130 --> 00:07:39.948 The show has been multiple iterations,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:39.950 --> 00:07:41.000 but in this first iteration

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:41.000 --> 00:07:42.270 that I'm about to show you,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:42.270 --> 00:07:45.166 we follow Benji as he forms his first

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:45.166 --> 00:07:46.711 meaningful friendship with another

NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:46.711 --> 00:07:48.596 autistic person in his school.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:48.600 --> 00:07:50.740 In this scene or song,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:50.740 --> 00:07:52.250 Benji and Natalie are two
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:52.250 --> 00:07:53.760 autistic seniors in high school,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:53.760 --> 00:07:55.960 and they are just beginning to find the
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:55.960 --> 00:07:58.247 language to talk to each other and connect.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:07:58.250 --> 00:08:00.578 The actors you see in this clip are
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:08:00.578 --> 00:08:02.249 Natasha Partnoy and John Pesega 2.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:08:02.250 --> 00:08:04.686 Incredibly talented actors who
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:08:04.686 --> 00:08:06.513 performed beautifully embodied
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:08:06.513 --> 00:08:09.119 the characters of the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840798105

00:08:09.120 --> 00:08:11.120 So this song is called talking is hard.
NOTE Confidence: 0.6441166

00:08:14.850 --> 00:08:18.516 Fine. Can we do just one question?
NOTE Confidence: 0.6441166

00:08:18.520 --> 00:08:20.606 OK. The first question on the list
NOTE Confidence: 0.6441166

00:08:20.606 --> 00:08:22.480 is what's your favorite color?
NOTE Confidence: 0.831029994

00:08:24.530 --> 00:08:27.810 That's a boring question. Well.

NOTE Confidence: 0.831029994

00:08:27.810 --> 00:08:30.426 I really like the color green.

NOTE Confidence: 0.831029994

00:08:30.430 --> 00:08:35.910 And you? I really like the color.

NOTE Confidence: 0.831029994

00:08:35.910 --> 00:08:39.174 But what kind of glue do you like?

NOTE Confidence: 0.831029994

00:08:39.180 --> 00:08:42.910 Drive. I like naming them more,

NOTE Confidence: 0.831029994

00:08:42.910 --> 00:08:45.010 but I do like to draw with sky blue pencils.

NOTE Confidence: 0.577789878571429

00:08:47.630 --> 00:08:50.465 What do you say when he's quiet?

NOTE Confidence: 0.700224691428571

00:08:52.760 --> 00:08:55.294 What can I talk when he's silent?

NOTE Confidence: 0.587517596666667

00:08:58.870 --> 00:09:02.566 When you got nothing to say.

NOTE Confidence: 0.587517596666667

00:09:02.570 --> 00:09:07.246 You start when he just says OK.

NOTE Confidence: 0.587517596666667

00:09:07.250 --> 00:09:11.524 He said. Just talk a lot.

NOTE Confidence: 0.587517596666667

00:09:11.524 --> 00:09:13.028 Anyway, let's try one more.

NOTE Confidence: 0.587517596666667

00:09:13.028 --> 00:09:15.250 What do you do for fun after school?

NOTE Confidence: 0.84607966

00:09:19.150 --> 00:09:20.620 I like to watch TV.

NOTE Confidence: 0.69589813525

00:09:23.480 --> 00:09:25.193 How about you?

NOTE Confidence: 0.69589813525

00:09:25.193 --> 00:09:28.048 Sometimes carrying with me best.

NOTE Confidence: 0.69589813525

00:09:28.050 --> 00:09:30.430 I only like those about the option.
NOTE Confidence: 0.69589813525

00:09:30.430 --> 00:09:31.150 What's your favorite?
NOTE Confidence: 0.780100866666667

00:09:37.520 --> 00:09:41.416 I can't pick. What do I
NOTE Confidence: 0.780100866666667

00:09:41.416 --> 00:09:44.480 say when? Station software.
NOTE Confidence: 0.615320985

00:09:48.700 --> 00:09:52.520 How can I talk when my confidence?
NOTE Confidence: 0.31164354

00:09:57.720 --> 00:10:02.120 ***** hard. We got nothing say
NOTE Confidence: 0.31164354

00:10:02.120 --> 00:10:06.746 talking is hard in the hallway
NOTE Confidence: 0.31164354

00:10:06.750 --> 00:10:11.694 like Mom said. He's talking, OK?
NOTE Confidence: 0.31164354

00:10:11.694 --> 00:10:13.926 It's cold outside today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.31164354

00:10:13.930 --> 00:10:16.850 I kind of like the cold. Ohh.
NOTE Confidence: 0.187051575

00:10:20.730 --> 00:10:22.000 It's hard.
NOTE Confidence: 0.0303099305

00:10:24.560 --> 00:10:25.990 Talking song.
NOTE Confidence: 0.3473505465

00:10:28.010 --> 00:10:28.800 Until you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.859198714

00:10:32.930 --> 00:10:33.890 Sorry, you can go first.
NOTE Confidence: 0.859198714

00:10:33.890 --> 00:10:35.543 Oh, no, no, you can go. OK.
NOTE Confidence: 0.859198714

00:10:35.543 --> 00:10:38.620 Do you like video games? No.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865526786
00:10:41.770 --> 00:10:44.770 Do you like museums? No.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90350755
00:10:48.010 --> 00:10:50.230 Do you like puzzles?
NOTE Confidence: 0.90350755
00:10:50.230 --> 00:10:53.260 That's something I do something.
NOTE Confidence: 0.641927935
00:10:56.080 --> 00:10:59.268 Play cards inside cards.
NOTE Confidence: 0.489586886666667
00:11:01.680 --> 00:11:07.120 To show to. Favorite thing to do?
NOTE Confidence: 0.489586886666667
00:11:07.120 --> 00:11:11.150 Pause. Let's do what powers?
NOTE Confidence: 0.50074697
00:11:17.650 --> 00:11:18.280 Say.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854404381428571
00:11:49.350 --> 00:11:50.984 Not to put John on the spot, but John
NOTE Confidence: 0.854404381428571
00:11:50.984 --> 00:11:52.573 is right there who played bendy so.
NOTE Confidence: 0.36893588
00:11:55.440 --> 00:11:55.820 Looks.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826021705416666
00:11:58.290 --> 00:12:00.514 Umm. So the rest of the show after
NOTE Confidence: 0.826021705416666
00:12:00.514 --> 00:12:02.686 that song follows Benji and Natalie
NOTE Confidence: 0.826021705416666
00:12:02.686 --> 00:12:04.616 as they search for independence
NOTE Confidence: 0.826021705416666
00:12:04.616 --> 00:12:06.720 and belonging with each other.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323
00:12:08.950 --> 00:12:11.267 So I'll admit, and I'll be honest,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:11.270 --> 00:12:13.349 I was a little nervous coming here
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:13.349 --> 00:12:15.298 today to talk about this show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:15.300 --> 00:12:17.540 I started writing it over six years ago,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:17.540 --> 00:12:19.475 which was at a time when I was just
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:19.475 --> 00:12:21.060 starting to develop my own thoughts,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:21.060 --> 00:12:23.750 feelings and knowledge about autism.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:23.750 --> 00:12:26.070 I wrote the show as an homage to my brother,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:26.070 --> 00:12:28.420 and as much as I thought I knew about him
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:28.481 --> 00:12:30.945 and his experience with autism at the time,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:30.950 --> 00:12:33.078 he has shown me just how much he
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:33.078 --> 00:12:35.140 has grown and changed since then.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:35.140 --> 00:12:36.772 Much of the process of writing my world
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:36.772 --> 00:12:38.777 was a personal and educational endeavor,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:38.780 --> 00:12:40.205 and upon reflecting about the
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:40.205 --> 00:12:42.020 show over the past few years,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:42.020 --> 00:12:44.274 I realized that my biggest regret is

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:44.274 --> 00:12:46.297 failing to include my brother more

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:46.297 --> 00:12:48.289 in the conversation about the show.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:48.290 --> 00:12:50.274 So in order to give you the full

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:50.274 --> 00:12:52.189 story about how the show came to be,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:52.190 --> 00:12:54.054 I want to first introduce you to the

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:54.054 --> 00:12:55.906 person who inspired it rather than me.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:55.910 --> 00:12:56.850 Tell you about Sam,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:56.850 --> 00:12:58.600 I invited Sam to come here today

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:12:58.600 --> 00:13:00.005 all the way from Westbrook,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:13:00.010 --> 00:13:03.186 CT to share a little bit about himself.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82871323

00:13:03.190 --> 00:13:04.760 So, Sam, come on up.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:12.490 --> 00:13:15.868 Hello, hello, my name is Sam.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:15.870 --> 00:13:18.031 I currently reside in Westbrook, CT.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:18.031 --> 00:13:21.010 I live in the pinley and I am a

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:21.107 --> 00:13:24.227 member of Vista Life Innovations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:24.230 --> 00:13:26.462 This is a programmer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:26.462 --> 00:13:29.252 Those with disabilities live independently.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:29.260 --> 00:13:32.130 Last few years I have been employed
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:32.130 --> 00:13:34.199 at Wheeling Engineering in Chester,
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:34.200 --> 00:13:37.616 CT my job is to build headlights for
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:37.616 --> 00:13:41.140 police cars and other emergency vehicles.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:41.140 --> 00:13:43.105 I work Monday through Friday
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:43.105 --> 00:13:45.530 at Wayland and enjoy my work.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:45.530 --> 00:13:49.805 I have that. I lead a very active life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:49.810 --> 00:13:52.030 After work during the week,
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:52.030 --> 00:13:54.330 I attend different appointments,
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:54.330 --> 00:13:56.620 including my personal trainer
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:56.620 --> 00:13:57.800 and nutritionist.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:13:57.800 --> 00:14:00.500 I independently attend all my
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:00.500 --> 00:14:02.505 scheduled appointments and activities
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:02.505 --> 00:14:03.660 using public transportation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:03.660 --> 00:14:06.580 Since the town I live in is small,

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:06.580 --> 00:14:09.177 I can even walk to my appointments.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:09.180 --> 00:14:10.468 I have many interests.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:10.468 --> 00:14:13.243 Every other week I go to my local

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:13.243 --> 00:14:15.553 library to play Dungeons and Dragons

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:15.560 --> 00:14:17.583 with a group of new friends that

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:17.583 --> 00:14:19.679 he made during attending the club.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:19.680 --> 00:14:22.685 I also enjoy reading. I read every day.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:22.685 --> 00:14:24.560 I am interested in animals,

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:24.560 --> 00:14:27.164 mythology, astronomy, and Disney.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:27.164 --> 00:14:28.716 Occasionally I enjoy playing

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:28.716 --> 00:14:32.250 video games or watching movies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:32.250 --> 00:14:33.980 During my free time in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:33.980 --> 00:14:35.350 evening and on the weekend,

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:35.350 --> 00:14:37.306 I enjoy getting together with friends.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:37.310 --> 00:14:38.857 I host my friends at my place
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:38.857 --> 00:14:40.030 and we watched jeopardy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:40.030 --> 00:14:41.758 Sometimes it was temporary.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:41.758 --> 00:14:44.350 Sometimes I will go to the
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:44.430 --> 00:14:46.270 movies with my friends.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:46.270 --> 00:14:48.694 We also get together and hang
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:48.694 --> 00:14:52.330 out with my place or your place.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:52.330 --> 00:14:54.946 I attend many activities through Vista.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:54.950 --> 00:14:56.660 These activities are a great
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:56.660 --> 00:14:59.181 way to spend time with peers and
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:14:59.181 --> 00:15:00.657 to learn something new.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:00.660 --> 00:15:02.886 A couple of my favorite activities with
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:02.886 --> 00:15:05.440 puppetry where I got to make my own puppets.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:05.440 --> 00:15:07.778 The other was a therapeutic drum class.
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:07.780 --> 00:15:09.652 The class was interactive and it got to
NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:09.652 --> 00:15:12.500 play and listened to some beautiful music.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:12.500 --> 00:15:15.260 Enjoy living independently and take pride.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:15.260 --> 00:15:16.134 All accomplishments.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918415215

00:15:16.134 --> 00:15:17.008 Thank you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.5174886

00:15:26.470 --> 00:15:28.230 Isn't he great, folks? Isn't he great?

NOTE Confidence: 0.360959

00:15:30.580 --> 00:15:34.130 Worth writing a whole musical about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:34.130 --> 00:15:37.658 So I'll Sam's going to the bathroom.

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:37.660 --> 00:15:41.670 But um. What I do want to say is that Sam

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:41.670 --> 00:15:43.826 specifically told me that he did not want

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:43.826 --> 00:15:46.540 to come here and talk about his disability.

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:46.540 --> 00:15:48.300 And instead, he wanted to share the parts

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:48.300 --> 00:15:49.969 of himself that he wanted to highlight,

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:49.970 --> 00:15:51.758 parts of himself that may not

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:51.758 --> 00:15:53.370 get the spotlight so often.

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:53.370 --> 00:15:55.634 To me, this is a testament of Sam's

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:55.634 --> 00:15:57.987 ability to see people for who they are,

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:15:57.990 --> 00:16:00.222 their interests, their passions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:00.222 --> 00:16:02.454 their capacity for kindness.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:02.460 --> 00:16:03.804 And I think to anyone who
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:03.804 --> 00:16:05.259 meets Sam for over 2 minutes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:05.260 --> 00:16:07.031 and I'm sure you all got that
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:07.031 --> 00:16:08.938 in the two minutes he spoke.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:08.940 --> 00:16:11.838 You were instantly taken by his positivity,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:11.840 --> 00:16:14.290 his joy and his kindness.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:14.290 --> 00:16:16.047 Sam recently shared with me that my
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:16.047 --> 00:16:18.138 world was a little bit hard to watch
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:18.138 --> 00:16:20.388 over two years ago when you first saw it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:20.390 --> 00:16:22.616 and that maybe it was a bit
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:22.616 --> 00:16:23.940 too personal for him.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:23.940 --> 00:16:26.000 But I want to share that he showed me that
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:26.053 --> 00:16:27.916 as much as I thought I knew about him,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:27.920 --> 00:16:29.257 as much as I thought I listened

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:29.257 --> 00:16:30.300 to him at the time,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:30.300 --> 00:16:32.622 I still have so much more work to do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:32.630 --> 00:16:34.210 And while I intentionally like
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:34.210 --> 00:16:36.186 to shy away from narratives that
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:36.186 --> 00:16:37.538 use autistic or intellectually
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:37.538 --> 00:16:39.708 disabled people to kind of show
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:39.708 --> 00:16:41.408 growth of neurotypical characters,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:41.410 --> 00:16:43.732 I do want to point out that Sam teaches
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:43.732 --> 00:16:46.163 me about what it means to be a good
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:46.163 --> 00:16:48.289 friend and a good brother every day.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:48.290 --> 00:16:49.690 So now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:49.690 --> 00:16:51.610 To bring you into the world of writing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:51.610 --> 00:16:52.106 my world,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:52.106 --> 00:16:54.426 I need to talk briefly about the book the
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:16:54.426 --> 00:16:56.365 sound of the fear by William Faulkner.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:56.370 --> 00:16:58.870 I promise this has a point.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:16:58.870 --> 00:17:01.134 The sound of the Fury is a seminal
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:01.134 --> 00:17:02.622 work of 20th century literature that
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:02.622 --> 00:17:04.388 tells the story of the compass and
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:04.388 --> 00:17:05.565 family in Jefferson, Mississippi.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:05.565 --> 00:17:08.175 The book takes place over 4
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:08.175 --> 00:17:09.045 distinct sections,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:09.050 --> 00:17:12.130 the first of which is narrated by Benji.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:12.130 --> 00:17:14.572 A 35 year old intellectually disabled
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:14.572 --> 00:17:17.449 man whose language is often disjointed,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:17.450 --> 00:17:17.872 convoluted,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:17.872 --> 00:17:19.138 and chronologically inconsistent.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:19.138 --> 00:17:22.585 When I first read the sound in the fury
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:22.585 --> 00:17:24.980 in my senior year high school English class,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:24.980 --> 00:17:27.428 I was struck by how Faulkner
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:27.428 --> 00:17:28.652 conveyed Benji's neurodivergence.

NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:28.660 --> 00:17:30.725 He brings the reader into benjy's experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:30.725 --> 00:17:33.020 of the world using figurative language,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:33.020 --> 00:17:33.496 similes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:33.496 --> 00:17:34.924 streams of consciousness,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:34.924 --> 00:17:37.780 all without ever labeling benjy's condition.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:37.780 --> 00:17:38.470 In class,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:38.470 --> 00:17:40.540 I remember spending days with my
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:40.540 --> 00:17:42.160 fellow classmates in high school,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:42.160 --> 00:17:43.345 unpacking Faulkner's language
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:43.345 --> 00:17:45.320 and trying to understand how
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:45.320 --> 00:17:47.247 Benji makes sense of the world.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:47.250 --> 00:17:49.215 And very soon I've realized
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:49.215 --> 00:17:52.170 that the agony of my classmates.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:52.170 --> 00:17:54.372 They were just starting to understand
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429
00:17:54.372 --> 00:17:55.840 what having an intellectual
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:55.905 --> 00:17:57.317 disability might be like.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:57.320 --> 00:17:59.516 I had never felt such an
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:17:59.516 --> 00:18:00.980 authentic and profound portrayal
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:01.046 --> 00:18:02.780 of intellectual disability.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:02.780 --> 00:18:05.192 In a in a literary, you know, piece.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:05.192 --> 00:18:07.370 Nor had I ever identified a character that
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:07.370 --> 00:18:09.295 I felt closely resembled my own brother.
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:09.300 --> 00:18:10.968 I should also add that when
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:10.968 --> 00:18:12.080 I met Doctor Martin,
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:12.080 --> 00:18:13.322 I was thrilled to learn that
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:13.322 --> 00:18:14.664 he also shared a fondness for
NOTE Confidence: 0.768406728571429

00:18:14.664 --> 00:18:15.814 the sound of the Fury.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:15.820 --> 00:18:17.428 He shared with me a book review that
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:17.428 --> 00:18:19.138 he wrote about the sound of the Fury,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:19.140 --> 00:18:21.002 and I couldn't help but highlight a
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:21.002 --> 00:18:23.003 quote from the review that I think

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:23.003 --> 00:18:24.725 perfectly puts towards what I felt

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:24.783 --> 00:18:26.695 as an 18 year old reading this book.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:26.700 --> 00:18:29.196 Doctor Martin wrote well ahead of its time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:29.200 --> 00:18:30.934 The sound and the Fury advocated

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:30.934 --> 00:18:32.956 for the rights of the intellectually

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:32.956 --> 00:18:34.956 disabled by providing a textured

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:34.956 --> 00:18:36.910 portrait of their inner lives.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:36.910 --> 00:18:37.902 And so while Benji,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:37.902 --> 00:18:39.390 from the sound of the fury,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:39.390 --> 00:18:40.666 while Benji's experience felt

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:40.666 --> 00:18:42.580 a little bit relatable to me.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:42.580 --> 00:18:44.812 I couldn't 100% see my brother's

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:44.812 --> 00:18:46.300 experience embodied in Benji,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:46.300 --> 00:18:48.365 and after reading the book I started

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:48.365 --> 00:18:50.212 to think about what it might be

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:50.212 --> 00:18:52.127 like if I try to write a story
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:52.127 --> 00:18:54.119 based on my brother based on my own
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:54.120 --> 00:18:57.580 understanding of what autism is.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:57.580 --> 00:18:59.764 Musicals have always been my favorite way
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:18:59.764 --> 00:19:01.460 of understanding stories and characters,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:01.460 --> 00:19:03.806 because I feel like music and
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:03.806 --> 00:19:05.370 characters singing songs can
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:05.440 --> 00:19:07.702 sometimes help bring us into their
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:07.702 --> 00:19:10.228 world more than prose can by itself.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:10.230 --> 00:19:12.337 So in thinking about writing this musical,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:12.340 --> 00:19:13.576 which at the time wasn't even
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:13.576 --> 00:19:14.830 called my world at the time,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:14.830 --> 00:19:16.594 I think it was called like the sound and
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:16.594 --> 00:19:18.449 the Fury project or something like that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:18.450 --> 00:19:20.202 I was always interested in writing
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:20.202 --> 00:19:21.775 a narrative about autism that

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:21.775 --> 00:19:23.530 was different from the obvious

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:23.530 --> 00:19:24.934 examples of intellectual disability

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:24.993 --> 00:19:26.428 that pervade our pop culture.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:26.430 --> 00:19:27.809 Some of you may know these examples,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:27.810 --> 00:19:29.756 I'm just going to highlight a few.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:29.760 --> 00:19:32.030 But many examples of intellectual

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:32.030 --> 00:19:34.735 disability and popular media focus on

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:34.735 --> 00:19:36.937 kind of cold and withdrawn characters

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:36.937 --> 00:19:39.845 who are mostly interesting to us because

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:39.845 --> 00:19:42.449 they might have some savant likability.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:42.450 --> 00:19:44.658 The biggest ones that come to mind are

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:44.658 --> 00:19:46.368 Dustin Hoffman's portrayal in Rain Man,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:46.370 --> 00:19:47.516 Freddie Highmore's portrayal

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:47.516 --> 00:19:49.044 good Doctor and ABC,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:49.050 --> 00:19:50.322 which I'll admit is a guilty

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:50.322 --> 00:19:50.958 pleasure of mine.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:50.960 --> 00:19:52.035 You should all check it
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:52.035 --> 00:19:52.895 out as medical people.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:52.900 --> 00:19:55.696 It's a really, really good show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:55.700 --> 00:19:56.954 Or the play the curious incident
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:56.954 --> 00:19:58.519 of the dog in the night time,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:19:58.520 --> 00:20:00.542 which was on Broadway and based
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:00.542 --> 00:20:02.849 on the book by Mark Haddon.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:02.850 --> 00:20:04.467 A quote that it came across later
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:04.467 --> 00:20:05.889 in my research from my world,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:05.890 --> 00:20:08.004 I think represents what I was hoping
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:08.004 --> 00:20:10.009 to emulate in writing the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:10.010 --> 00:20:10.766 Sarah Kerchak,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:10.766 --> 00:20:12.656 who's an autistic Arthur author,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:12.660 --> 00:20:13.014 wrote.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:13.014 --> 00:20:15.492 Most of the stories you hear about

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:15.492 --> 00:20:17.851 autistic people in media and art

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:17.851 --> 00:20:19.439 are either miserable tragedies

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:19.439 --> 00:20:20.860 or inspirational triumphs,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:20.860 --> 00:20:23.842 while most of our real lives

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:23.842 --> 00:20:25.830 exist somewhere in between.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:25.830 --> 00:20:27.580 And now while thinking about

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:27.580 --> 00:20:28.980 my version of Benji.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:28.980 --> 00:20:30.726 I wanted to write a character

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:30.726 --> 00:20:32.295 that closely resembled my own

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:32.295 --> 00:20:34.055 brother's experience in high school.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:34.060 --> 00:20:36.160 His search for meaningful friendship,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:36.160 --> 00:20:39.345 his aspirations, his dynamic with our family.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:39.350 --> 00:20:41.216 And that part was undoubtedly the

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:41.216 --> 00:20:43.010 hardest part of writing the show.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:43.010 --> 00:20:44.921 I really wanted to write a character

NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:44.921 --> 00:20:46.764 that that had an earnest desire
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:46.764 --> 00:20:48.044 to connect with others.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:48.050 --> 00:20:49.106 And which my brother,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:49.106 --> 00:20:51.180 as you all probably saw, undoubtedly has.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:51.180 --> 00:20:53.805 So I want to play another short
NOTE Confidence: 0.847997784375

00:20:53.805 --> 00:20:55.108 clip of the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873290125

00:20:55.110 --> 00:20:56.250 This clip is the first song
NOTE Confidence: 0.873290125

00:20:56.250 --> 00:20:57.450 I ever wrote for the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873290125

00:20:57.450 --> 00:20:58.970 It's a song called Caddy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.873290125

00:20:58.970 --> 00:21:00.902 and it's a song where Benji
NOTE Confidence: 0.873290125

00:21:00.902 --> 00:21:02.812 first develops a crush on a
NOTE Confidence: 0.873290125

00:21:02.812 --> 00:21:04.456 girl that he needs in school.
NOTE Confidence: 0.781064256

00:21:06.630 --> 00:21:07.660 Is a microphone too loud?
NOTE Confidence: 0.85210779

00:21:09.710 --> 00:21:10.850 I talk very loud, I know.
NOTE Confidence: 0.59908574

00:21:13.020 --> 00:21:14.075 But then people online
NOTE Confidence: 0.59908574

00:21:14.075 --> 00:21:15.050 were saying that the last

NOTE Confidence: 0.736748836

00:21:15.060 --> 00:21:16.630 clip and the audio wasn't.

NOTE Confidence: 0.6471037025

00:21:18.250 --> 00:21:19.430 The audio isn't shared.

NOTE Confidence: 0.4714447096

00:21:21.470 --> 00:21:23.710 Share. Yes. Oh, share sound.

NOTE Confidence: 0.4714447096

00:21:23.710 --> 00:21:26.950 There we go. There we go.

NOTE Confidence: 0.4714447096

00:21:26.950 --> 00:21:28.160 Sorry about that. Soon, people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.4714447096

00:21:28.160 --> 00:21:31.240 This is what a Yale education exactly.

NOTE Confidence: 0.776607468

00:21:34.340 --> 00:21:37.310 I almost brought my guitar.

NOTE Confidence: 0.776607468

00:21:37.310 --> 00:21:38.542 As I think one of the slides

NOTE Confidence: 0.776607468

00:21:38.542 --> 00:21:39.748 skipped, but this was the.

NOTE Confidence: 0.61467227

00:21:41.050 --> 00:21:46.620 No, caddy, go back. Go back. Yeah,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:46.630 --> 00:21:47.510 we'll just play this song.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:47.510 --> 00:21:48.749 So this is again, this is the

NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:48.749 --> 00:21:50.089 first song I ever for the show.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:50.090 --> 00:21:52.890 I'm just play the first minute of it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:52.890 --> 00:21:55.220 And this is again John,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:55.220 --> 00:21:58.438 who's back there singing about a crush
NOTE Confidence: 0.80368161

00:21:58.438 --> 00:22:01.310 on a girl that he just met in school.
NOTE Confidence: 0.41029227

00:22:20.910 --> 00:22:24.097 When you talk, I talk quick.
NOTE Confidence: 0.41029227

00:22:24.097 --> 00:22:26.270 I've never talked before.
NOTE Confidence: 0.751402516666667

00:22:28.790 --> 00:22:30.898 Now I wonder if you like to
NOTE Confidence: 0.751402516666667

00:22:30.898 --> 00:22:33.300 play the games I play most every
NOTE Confidence: 0.72360216

00:22:33.310 --> 00:22:34.759 day. Chess and
NOTE Confidence: 0.931398453333333

00:22:34.770 --> 00:22:39.400 checkers are my favorite ones. I'll show
NOTE Confidence: 0.905008456666667

00:22:39.410 --> 00:22:42.078 you my fish collection. Goldfish. Guppies.
NOTE Confidence: 0.905008456666667

00:22:42.078 --> 00:22:47.930 I'm in no section you can see them all.
NOTE Confidence: 0.06395453

00:23:14.810 --> 00:23:17.030 Caddy, caddy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.066049516

00:23:19.350 --> 00:23:20.350 I.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:23:22.500 --> 00:23:24.705 So it was always important for me to define
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:23:24.705 --> 00:23:26.645 Benji right from the onset in the show,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:23:26.650 --> 00:23:28.540 as a character who has the capacity
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:23:28.540 --> 00:23:30.449 for so much love and kindness,

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:30.450 --> 00:23:33.222 and he sometimes notices things in
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:33.222 --> 00:23:35.070 people that neurotypical people
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:35.140 --> 00:23:37.168 might not necessarily notice.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:37.170 --> 00:23:39.354 So Sam graduated, as he said he goes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:39.360 --> 00:23:40.992 to a program called Vista Life
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:40.992 --> 00:23:42.173 Innovations in Westbrook, CT,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:42.173 --> 00:23:43.988 and he graduated from their
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:43.988 --> 00:23:45.830 Discover program back in 2017,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:45.830 --> 00:23:48.188 just when I was starting to write the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:48.190 --> 00:23:50.086 And in this, in this speech,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:50.090 --> 00:23:53.078 Sam told the audience.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:53.080 --> 00:23:55.157 That he said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:55.157 --> 00:23:57.053 in the future I would like to continue
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:57.053 --> 00:23:58.986 my research and all things biology and
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:23:58.986 --> 00:24:01.039 possibly get a job in animal biology,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:01.040 --> 00:24:02.404 like teaching people about
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:02.404 --> 00:24:04.109 all the animals on Earth.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:04.110 --> 00:24:04.743 The day after,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:04.743 --> 00:24:06.009 Sam and I got breakfast and
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:06.009 --> 00:24:07.294 you told me that he might want
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:07.294 --> 00:24:08.759 to go to a college someday.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:08.760 --> 00:24:10.464 This all got me thinking that there's so
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:10.464 --> 00:24:12.220 much that Sam has to offer in the world.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:12.220 --> 00:24:14.434 He has so many big dreams and big ideas
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:14.434 --> 00:24:16.735 and big desires to connect with others.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:16.740 --> 00:24:17.766 And I thought,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:17.766 --> 00:24:19.476 what better story than that
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:19.476 --> 00:24:21.280 to try to investigate?
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:21.280 --> 00:24:22.974 It was important to me to introduce
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:22.974 --> 00:24:24.543 the cast and crew of my world
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:24.543 --> 00:24:26.180 to Sam and some of his friends.

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:26.180 --> 00:24:28.204 So we all took a trip together to
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:28.204 --> 00:24:30.096 Vista and Westbrook and played some
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:30.096 --> 00:24:32.610 theater games with Sam and his friends.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:32.610 --> 00:24:33.838 And so, soon enough,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:33.838 --> 00:24:36.510 Benji and my world were brought to the stage.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:36.510 --> 00:24:38.708 The show, which premiered in April 2019,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:38.710 --> 00:24:39.763 was performed, designed,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:39.763 --> 00:24:41.167 and performed and produced,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:41.170 --> 00:24:42.362 all by Yale undergraduates,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:42.362 --> 00:24:44.456 and I was thrilled to sit front
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:44.456 --> 00:24:46.392 row with Sam and my family and ten
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:46.392 --> 00:24:48.330 of his friends on opening night.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:48.330 --> 00:24:49.950 Following the show's debut performance,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:49.950 --> 00:24:51.896 I was also fortunate enough to connect
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177
00:24:51.896 --> 00:24:53.907 with an organization called Music for Autism,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:53.910 --> 00:24:55.305 which provides sensory,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:55.305 --> 00:24:58.098 friendly and autism friendly concerts to
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:24:58.098 --> 00:25:00.906 individuals or autistic and their families.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:00.910 --> 00:25:02.662 And so this was in September
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:02.662 --> 00:25:04.769 2019 and as you can see here,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:04.770 --> 00:25:06.530 this is the whole cast of the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:06.530 --> 00:25:08.306 We performed A1 hour concert version
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:08.306 --> 00:25:10.350 of the show and it was really,
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:10.350 --> 00:25:11.808 really a lot of fun and a great way
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:11.808 --> 00:25:13.486 I think of getting to bring the show
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:13.486 --> 00:25:15.194 and the music to an audience that I
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:15.194 --> 00:25:18.289 was really, really passionate about.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:18.290 --> 00:25:20.370 So for two years I took a break
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:20.370 --> 00:25:21.509 working on the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:21.510 --> 00:25:22.756 I've been living in it for almost
NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:22.756 --> 00:25:23.739 three years at that point,

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:23.740 --> 00:25:25.010 at the end of 2019,

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:25.010 --> 00:25:27.296 and I knew that I needed to gain a

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:27.296 --> 00:25:29.778 fresh perspective after returning to it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:29.780 --> 00:25:31.268 So towards the beginning of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:31.268 --> 00:25:32.976 senior year of my senior year as

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:32.976 --> 00:25:34.900 I was deciding what to do for my

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:34.900 --> 00:25:36.460 senior thesis in American studies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:36.460 --> 00:25:37.888 My world was always tugging at

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:37.888 --> 00:25:39.220 the back of my brain.

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:39.220 --> 00:25:40.540 Since the show's premiere,

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:40.540 --> 00:25:42.190 I had had important conversations

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:42.190 --> 00:25:44.098 with the cast and the crew about

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:44.098 --> 00:25:45.420 the limitations of the show,

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:45.420 --> 00:25:47.916 mainly that there were no no

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:47.916 --> 00:25:49.580 openly neurodivergent voices on

NOTE Confidence: 0.876596442941177

00:25:49.658 --> 00:25:52.016 the show's cast and creative team.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:25:52.020 --> 00:25:53.340 Even though I had direct
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:25:53.340 --> 00:25:54.660 experience with my own brother,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:25:54.660 --> 00:25:55.746 I didn't think that was enough
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:25:55.746 --> 00:25:57.000 to tell a well represented,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:25:57.000 --> 00:25:59.508 sensitive and authentic story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:25:59.510 --> 00:26:01.589 So I decided to dig a little deeper and
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:01.589 --> 00:26:03.966 go beyond my limited knowledge about ASD.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:03.970 --> 00:26:05.590 I decided to conduct a
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:05.590 --> 00:26:07.210 critical revision of my world,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:07.210 --> 00:26:09.830 which involved reading disability literature,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:09.830 --> 00:26:10.814 interviewing actors and
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:10.814 --> 00:26:12.126 writers on the spectrum,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:12.130 --> 00:26:14.218 and updating to show to better
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:14.218 --> 00:26:16.178 reflect my brother's growth as he
NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:16.178 --> 00:26:17.942 came out of high school and became

NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:17.942 --> 00:26:20.178 a more independent adult at Vista.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:20.180 --> 00:26:22.106 The actors and writers I interviewed

NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:22.106 --> 00:26:24.927 well were all part of a neuro inclusive

NOTE Confidence: 0.894320021

00:26:24.927 --> 00:26:26.772 theater company called Epic players.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:30.300 --> 00:26:31.888 That will come up.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:31.890 --> 00:26:35.290 Epic players is an incredible organization

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:35.290 --> 00:26:38.200 that provides paid performance opportunities

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:38.200 --> 00:26:40.900 for autistic actors and writers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:40.900 --> 00:26:43.388 And so I had 13 interviews over zoom

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:43.388 --> 00:26:46.391 and I got 13 unique perspectives on

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:46.391 --> 00:26:49.309 autistic stories and what people feel

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:49.309 --> 00:26:52.029 about autistic representation in media.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:52.030 --> 00:26:54.060 One of the more influential interviews I

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:54.060 --> 00:26:56.350 had was with an autistic and non binary

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:56.350 --> 00:26:58.868 actor based in New York named Sarah Kaufman.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:26:58.870 --> 00:27:00.823 Sarah and I spoke on zoom together
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:00.823 --> 00:27:03.179 for about 2 hours in which they told
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:03.179 --> 00:27:04.966 me all about their late diagnosis
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:04.966 --> 00:27:07.369 of ASD at the age of 22 years old,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:07.370 --> 00:27:09.687 and I wanted to highlight a few
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:09.687 --> 00:27:11.618 important quotes that Sarah told me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:11.620 --> 00:27:13.080 Sayre said that being autistic
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:13.080 --> 00:27:13.956 isn't a character.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:13.960 --> 00:27:15.640 Being autistic is an identity.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:15.640 --> 00:27:16.360 And to me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:16.360 --> 00:27:17.320 that was really profound,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:17.320 --> 00:27:19.030 profound thinking about the kinds
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:19.030 --> 00:27:20.398 of representations that we're
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:20.398 --> 00:27:22.195 used to seeing in TV and theater,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:22.200 --> 00:27:23.975 where the physicality of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:23.975 --> 00:27:25.040 disability is emphasized,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:25.040 --> 00:27:27.428 as opposed to the humanity of

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:27.428 --> 00:27:29.020 the disability behind it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:29.020 --> 00:27:30.371 Sarah also said it is so freeing

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:30.371 --> 00:27:31.741 to be the person who shapes

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:31.741 --> 00:27:33.229 the world instead of trying to

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:33.229 --> 00:27:34.630 shape yourself into the world.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:34.630 --> 00:27:36.462 And I promise sare I would give a

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:36.462 --> 00:27:38.144 very small plug for their musical

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:38.144 --> 00:27:39.896 podcast which is now available on

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:39.949 --> 00:27:41.669 all streaming platforms that they

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:41.669 --> 00:27:43.389 wrote called the reality shaper.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7858846025

00:27:43.390 --> 00:27:44.718 So check it out.

NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:47.130 --> 00:27:48.762 My conversation with Sarah was so

NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:48.762 --> 00:27:50.115 engaging and inspiring that they

NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:50.115 --> 00:27:51.827 asked that I asked if they would be

NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:51.827 --> 00:27:53.404 willing to be the dramaturg and write
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:53.404 --> 00:27:54.913 some new lyrics for this new version
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:54.913 --> 00:27:56.390 of my world that I was writing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:56.390 --> 00:27:58.523 Those of you don't know what a dramaturg is,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:27:58.530 --> 00:28:01.310 I don't know what a dramaturg is, but.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:01.310 --> 00:28:03.380 It's mostly someone who helps the
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:03.380 --> 00:28:05.578 writer or the creative team on
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:05.578 --> 00:28:07.606 making sure the script is logical.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:07.610 --> 00:28:08.285 And for Sarah,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:08.285 --> 00:28:10.243 I wanted to make sure that I was
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:10.243 --> 00:28:11.559 accurately representing their story
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:11.559 --> 00:28:13.861 since I was so inspired by them
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:13.861 --> 00:28:15.649 that I wanted to incorporate their
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:15.649 --> 00:28:18.030 late diagnosis story into the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:18.030 --> 00:28:20.029 And so in April 2021,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:20.029 --> 00:28:22.392 I put on a zoom reading of the new version

NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:22.392 --> 00:28:24.695 of the show featuring 2 autistic actors,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:24.700 --> 00:28:27.139 Elliot and Sayre.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:27.140 --> 00:28:27.948 Via Daniels,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:27.948 --> 00:28:30.457 I should I should mention playing
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:30.457 --> 00:28:33.379 the roles of Benji and Caddy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:33.380 --> 00:28:34.874 I ended up smashing Natalie and
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:34.874 --> 00:28:36.166 cutting into one character and
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:36.166 --> 00:28:37.416 then changing Natalie to Katie.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:37.420 --> 00:28:37.990 But anyway,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:37.990 --> 00:28:39.700 the show focused more on Benji's
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:39.700 --> 00:28:41.758 interest in becoming a marine biologist,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:41.760 --> 00:28:43.864 but the show was shifted to focus more
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:43.864 --> 00:28:46.098 on his life as a burgeoning result,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:46.100 --> 00:28:47.738 which felt more true to my
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:28:47.738 --> 00:28:49.140 brother's experience at the time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:49.140 --> 00:28:51.188 And I also felt that it increased the
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:51.188 --> 00:28:52.797 stakes and urgency of Benji needing
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:52.797 --> 00:28:54.740 to find his place in the world.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:54.740 --> 00:28:56.316 And I also wanted to show these two
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:56.316 --> 00:28:58.139 kind of competing autistic narratives,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:58.140 --> 00:28:58.434 Benji,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:28:58.434 --> 00:29:01.080 who had a diagnosis very early on in life,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:01.080 --> 00:29:03.390 and caddy based on Sarah's story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:03.390 --> 00:29:05.889 Who is only discovering they might be
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:05.889 --> 00:29:08.258 autistic over the course of the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:08.260 --> 00:29:10.668 So I wanted to play a very short
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:10.668 --> 00:29:12.542 clip of a scene between Elliot
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:12.542 --> 00:29:14.528 and Sarah playing Benji and Katie
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:14.528 --> 00:29:16.619 from this new version of the show.
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:16.620 --> 00:29:18.062 So the setup for this is that
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667

00:29:18.062 --> 00:29:19.918 Caddy is a tour guide in aquarium,

NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:29:19.920 --> 00:29:21.018 and when she and Benji meet,
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:29:21.020 --> 00:29:22.885 they immediately bond over their
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:29:22.885 --> 00:29:24.750 appreciation for marine life and
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:29:24.815 --> 00:29:26.369 caddy starts to wonder whether
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:29:26.369 --> 00:29:28.103 whether she might interpret the world
NOTE Confidence: 0.826715956666667
00:29:28.103 --> 00:29:30.019 in a similar way that Benji does.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907128966
00:29:32.600 --> 00:29:35.830 I wanna show you something.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907128966
00:29:35.830 --> 00:29:38.860 Scene 8. Milltown, Lake Benji
NOTE Confidence: 0.852170872
00:29:38.870 --> 00:29:40.155 and Caddy stand next to
NOTE Confidence: 0.852170872
00:29:40.155 --> 00:29:41.440 the lake and look around.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91611785
00:29:44.000 --> 00:29:45.460 Wow, this is beautiful.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887785
00:29:46.820 --> 00:29:47.350 Yeah.
NOTE Confidence: 0.73888834125
00:29:54.040 --> 00:29:58.960 Lakefront. Are you here?
NOTE Confidence: 0.73888834125
00:29:58.960 --> 00:30:00.430 Are you in some secret club?
NOTE Confidence: 0.91780222
00:30:01.620 --> 00:30:02.610 I wanted to introduce you
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:02.620 --> 00:30:03.988 to my late friend,
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:03.988 --> 00:30:06.040 but maybe she's not here today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:06.040 --> 00:30:06.994 You're late friend.
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:06.994 --> 00:30:10.753 Wow, you're a popular guy. Yeah, I am.
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:10.753 --> 00:30:13.879 So do you come here often?
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:13.880 --> 00:30:15.956 Yeah, my mom took me here all
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:15.956 --> 00:30:17.864 the time when we were younger.
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:17.870 --> 00:30:20.320 Have you been here before?
NOTE Confidence: 0.899352258

00:30:20.320 --> 00:30:22.049 I think I was here with my grandma
NOTE Confidence: 0.824706154

00:30:22.060 --> 00:30:26.400 once. I don't really remember it. What's
NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:26.410 --> 00:30:29.020 your favorite exhibit at the aquarium?
NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:29.020 --> 00:30:33.590 Um. I don't know, maybe the manta rays?
NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:33.590 --> 00:30:37.880 Cool. Mines the sea turtles.
NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:37.880 --> 00:30:40.040 What's your second favorite exhibit
NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:40.040 --> 00:30:41.900 at the aquarium? You know, Benji,
NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:41.900 --> 00:30:44.138 we can talk about other things,

NOTE Confidence: 0.889463213333333

00:30:44.140 --> 00:30:46.280 like other than the aquarium, right?

NOTE Confidence: 0.87802607

00:30:48.320 --> 00:30:53.162 Why? Well. We both already know

NOTE Confidence: 0.87802607

00:30:53.162 --> 00:30:55.710 that we know a lot about fish.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87802607

00:30:55.710 --> 00:30:59.010 We could talk about something else.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87802607

00:30:59.010 --> 00:31:02.475 Like what? I don't know like basic

NOTE Confidence: 0.87802607

00:31:02.475 --> 00:31:04.580 things to get to know each other.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911530165

00:31:06.600 --> 00:31:09.856 Like what? Like,

NOTE Confidence: 0.911530165

00:31:09.856 --> 00:31:12.280 what's your favorite color?

NOTE Confidence: 0.911530165

00:31:12.280 --> 00:31:13.644 That's a boring question.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911530165

00:31:13.644 --> 00:31:15.218 Come on, it's so easy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.803016927857143

00:31:16.920 --> 00:31:18.474 So that scene ends up leading

NOTE Confidence: 0.803016927857143

00:31:18.474 --> 00:31:20.085 into a revised version of talking

NOTE Confidence: 0.803016927857143

00:31:20.085 --> 00:31:21.470 his heart, which is a song that

NOTE Confidence: 0.803016927857143

00:31:21.470 --> 00:31:22.330 you heard in the beginning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:24.600 --> 00:31:27.048 So the reason I want to show this clip

NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:27.048 --> 00:31:29.174 is that I think it was interesting
NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:29.174 --> 00:31:32.125 for me to get to see two autistic
NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:32.125 --> 00:31:33.813 actors embody these characters,
NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:33.820 --> 00:31:35.854 two people who have very different
NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:35.854 --> 00:31:37.739 manifestations of what autism could be.
NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:37.740 --> 00:31:39.396 And I think that was the most interesting
NOTE Confidence: 0.874711995714286

00:31:39.396 --> 00:31:40.738 part of the revision process.
NOTE Confidence: 0.87498635

00:31:43.340 --> 00:31:45.870 So. Some of you may be thinking,
NOTE Confidence: 0.87498635

00:31:45.870 --> 00:31:47.136 I want to show you something.
NOTE Confidence: 0.87498635

00:31:47.140 --> 00:31:48.490 No, no you don't, Benji.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89727721

00:31:51.100 --> 00:31:51.808 So some of you
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:31:51.820 --> 00:31:52.972 may be thinking.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:31:52.972 --> 00:31:55.660 How does spending three to four to
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:31:55.739 --> 00:31:58.085 five years writing a musical turn
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:31:58.085 --> 00:32:01.089 into wanting to go to medical school?
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:01.090 --> 00:32:02.042 If you're thinking well,

NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:02.042 --> 00:32:04.050 he must have learned how much actors make,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:04.050 --> 00:32:06.620 then you're only partly right.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:06.620 --> 00:32:08.636 During the first few months of the pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:08.640 --> 00:32:10.705 I had time to reflect on theater's
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:10.705 --> 00:32:13.097 role in my life and my ambitions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:13.100 --> 00:32:15.076 As much as I loved the creative process
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:15.076 --> 00:32:18.020 of my world, what drove me to create?
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:18.020 --> 00:32:20.780 Wasn't primarily my desire to write or my
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:20.780 --> 00:32:23.580 desire to dig into the craft of theater.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:23.580 --> 00:32:25.710 My drive was wanting to understand
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:25.710 --> 00:32:27.960 autism and my brother more deeply.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:27.960 --> 00:32:29.297 Well, I do believe that the show,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:29.300 --> 00:32:30.986 that writing the show pushed me
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:30.986 --> 00:32:32.702 to get a deeper understanding
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:32:32.702 --> 00:32:34.810 of autism and neurodivergence.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:34.810 --> 00:32:37.418 The show itself could only do so much.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:37.420 --> 00:32:38.700 And during also during the
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:38.700 --> 00:32:39.980 early months of the pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:39.980 --> 00:32:41.460 I got a front row seat to the
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:41.460 --> 00:32:43.097 depth of the mental health crisis,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:43.100 --> 00:32:45.676 since my mom, who was here today,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:45.680 --> 00:32:47.396 is a psychiatric nurse practitioner who
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:47.396 --> 00:32:49.869 had to do zoom sessions from her house.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:49.870 --> 00:32:50.232 And so,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:50.232 --> 00:32:51.137 seeing the importance of my
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:51.137 --> 00:32:52.387 mom's work in a whole new light,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:52.390 --> 00:32:55.729 combined with this new reflection on theater,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:55.730 --> 00:32:57.770 I started to wonder if psychiatry,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:32:57.770 --> 00:33:01.040 or medicine as a whole might be right for me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:33:01.040 --> 00:33:02.776 And so I was fortunate enough to connect
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268

00:33:02.776 --> 00:33:04.141 with Doctor Martin through a mutual

NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:04.141 --> 00:33:06.060 friend that I met through the elderly club,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:06.060 --> 00:33:06.336 Dr.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:06.336 --> 00:33:06.888 Kyle Pruett.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:06.888 --> 00:33:08.544 And Doctor Martin was so generous
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:08.544 --> 00:33:10.410 in helping me explore my newfound
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:10.410 --> 00:33:12.241 interest in medicine that he asked
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:12.241 --> 00:33:14.153 if I wanted to lead a music workshop
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:14.153 --> 00:33:16.300 for the patients that Winchester won,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:16.300 --> 00:33:18.820 and I immediately jumped at the chance.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:18.820 --> 00:33:20.356 During my final semester of college,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:20.360 --> 00:33:22.032 for once a week I would visit the
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:22.032 --> 00:33:23.533 unit and play some music games
NOTE Confidence: 0.884268
00:33:23.533 --> 00:33:25.081 with the patients at the unit.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935
00:33:33.570 --> 00:33:35.110 And so every week I would go to the unit,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935
00:33:35.110 --> 00:33:37.326 I would play music games with the kids,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:37.330 --> 00:33:40.615 and early on I was figuring out a rhythm.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:40.620 --> 00:33:41.433 I taught beatboxing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:41.433 --> 00:33:43.638 which is something that I did for over
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:43.638 --> 00:33:45.437 300 concerts in my time in acapella,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:45.440 --> 00:33:47.165 but ultimately I found the
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:47.165 --> 00:33:49.270 activity that I think worked best.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:49.270 --> 00:33:51.867 One of my favorite things is listening
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:51.867 --> 00:33:53.789 to instrumental music from movies.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:53.790 --> 00:33:56.050 I'm sure we all have that one movie that the
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:56.107 --> 00:33:58.267 if we listen to the music from that movie,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:33:58.270 --> 00:34:01.000 it instantly brings us back to childhood.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:01.000 --> 00:34:03.488 And so for me, those were movies like
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:03.488 --> 00:34:06.060 finding Nemo's Harry Potter Treasure Planet.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:06.060 --> 00:34:07.428 I don't know if any of you know Treasure
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:07.428 --> 00:34:11.210 planet, but it's yeah, Sam knows it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:11.210 --> 00:34:13.790 Sam knows everything about Disney.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:13.790 --> 00:34:16.034 But So what I did was I I kind of played

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:16.034 --> 00:34:18.264 this music for the kids and asked them to

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:18.264 --> 00:34:20.715 just say a few words about maybe how the

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:20.715 --> 00:34:23.038 music makes them feel what they imagined.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:23.038 --> 00:34:25.958 And there was one patient in particular

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:25.958 --> 00:34:27.782 that I want to share that shared I

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:27.782 --> 00:34:28.870 think something pretty profound.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:28.870 --> 00:34:30.886 I played the opening to Finding Nemo,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:30.890 --> 00:34:32.794 which is kind of this lush music that

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:32.794 --> 00:34:34.564 I think is the perfect representation

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:34.564 --> 00:34:36.652 of like the calm, open ocean.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:36.652 --> 00:34:39.178 And this patient who hadn't spoke

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:39.178 --> 00:34:41.528 for almost the entire session.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:41.530 --> 00:34:42.830 Said after listening to it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:42.830 --> 00:34:46.594 she imagined a a girl much like

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:46.594 --> 00:34:48.404 herself roaming through the woods
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:48.404 --> 00:34:50.368 trying to find her way home.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:50.370 --> 00:34:52.404 And to me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:52.404 --> 00:34:53.760 That interpretation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:53.760 --> 00:34:56.022 Was a subtle reflection of her
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:56.022 --> 00:34:59.322 inner life in a way that I think
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:34:59.322 --> 00:35:01.452 music and storytelling was the
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:01.452 --> 00:35:04.349 only way to be able to reach that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:04.350 --> 00:35:05.740 Doctor Martin also invited me
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:05.740 --> 00:35:07.558 to observe at a virtual medical
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:07.558 --> 00:35:09.333 student conference early in 2021,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:09.333 --> 00:35:11.454 and when he asked me to share
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:11.454 --> 00:35:12.690 about my musical.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:12.690 --> 00:35:14.832 That was the moment that I started
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:14.832 --> 00:35:16.369 to wonder whether there really
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:16.369 --> 00:35:18.308 is a place for art and stories

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:18.308 --> 00:35:20.058 and humanities and medicine.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:20.060 --> 00:35:22.140 So all these experiences seamlessly

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:22.140 --> 00:35:24.220 LED into my job postgraduation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:24.220 --> 00:35:26.516 which was working for hear your song.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:26.520 --> 00:35:27.788 As I mentioned before,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:27.788 --> 00:35:30.118 here song is a fantastic nonprofit co-founded

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:30.118 --> 00:35:32.300 by someone who's here, Dan Rubens.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:32.300 --> 00:35:33.720 And here are songs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:33.720 --> 00:35:35.430 Mission is to empower children and

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:35.430 --> 00:35:37.155 teens with serious illnesses and complex

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:37.155 --> 00:35:38.757 health needs to make their voices

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:38.757 --> 00:35:40.519 heard through collaborative songwriting.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:40.520 --> 00:35:41.920 I'm sure you can tell that I've

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:41.920 --> 00:35:43.059 practiced saying that mission like,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:43.060 --> 00:35:45.140 over and over again.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:45.140 --> 00:35:46.720 Your song was a transformative
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:46.720 --> 00:35:48.832 experience for me and that it kind
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:48.832 --> 00:35:50.736 of reopened my eyes to the power of
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:50.796 --> 00:35:52.596 stories and helping us understand
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:52.596 --> 00:35:54.396 patients and people in general.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:54.400 --> 00:35:55.620 However, brighter than me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:55.620 --> 00:35:57.450 rather than me writing my own
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:57.512 --> 00:35:58.439 story with music,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:35:58.440 --> 00:36:01.128 I was getting to help kids right theirs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:01.130 --> 00:36:03.020 I want to share with you
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:03.020 --> 00:36:04.919 a short clip of a song.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:04.920 --> 00:36:07.620 That was written and performed
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:07.620 --> 00:36:10.320 by 13 year old dejarlis,
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:10.320 --> 00:36:12.462 who I met through Montefiore Medical
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:12.462 --> 00:36:13.890 centers Arts and Integrative
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935

00:36:13.950 --> 00:36:16.150 Medicine program in their outpatient

NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935
00:36:16.150 --> 00:36:17.030 psychiatric clinic.
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935
00:36:17.030 --> 00:36:18.806 So this is deja Lisa song
NOTE Confidence: 0.847961935
00:36:18.806 --> 00:36:19.990 called everything will be
NOTE Confidence: 0.762754765454546
00:36:20.055 --> 00:36:20.230 OK.
NOTE Confidence: 0.879679706
00:36:28.790 --> 00:36:31.605 I've tried and tried but
NOTE Confidence: 0.879679706
00:36:31.605 --> 00:36:34.420 everything just doesn't feel right.
NOTE Confidence: 0.879679706
00:36:34.420 --> 00:36:36.170 It's been feeling like a
NOTE Confidence: 0.879679706
00:36:36.170 --> 00:36:37.920 battle is going inside my.
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:40.560 --> 00:36:43.584 Life goes by so slowly and keeps
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:43.584 --> 00:36:46.094 leading me onto decisions and
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:46.094 --> 00:36:51.608 I'm really, really tired of it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:51.610 --> 00:36:54.270 I keep trying and trying and trying
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:54.270 --> 00:36:57.170 and trying but still it's not enough.
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:57.170 --> 00:36:59.336 So I keep selling and selling
NOTE Confidence: 0.770826414285714
00:36:59.336 --> 00:37:01.330 and selling and selling myself.
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:21.130 --> 00:37:23.430 I really wanna be.
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:23.430 --> 00:37:28.514 But my graver fueled this let me be can't
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:28.514 --> 00:37:32.999 think of anything to do so bad here I.
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:33.000 --> 00:37:35.560 Sorry, I'm trying. I want to give up,
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:35.560 --> 00:37:38.760 but still it's not my.
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:38.760 --> 00:37:42.435 Trying and trying and trying and trying.
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:42.440 --> 00:37:46.450 Not. Like you selling and selling.
NOTE Confidence: 0.630042020727273

00:37:46.450 --> 00:37:47.410 Thing and telling me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.653557398888889

00:38:07.970 --> 00:38:12.450 Feels like there's two of me getting
NOTE Confidence: 0.653557398888889

00:38:12.450 --> 00:38:15.250 really tiring. Maybe I should
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:28.750 --> 00:38:32.318 Dangelis was one of hundreds of kids I
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:32.318 --> 00:38:35.888 worked with during my time at Heart Song.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:35.890 --> 00:38:37.564 Here, song showed me that magic
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:37.564 --> 00:38:39.109 can happen when we empower
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:39.109 --> 00:38:40.969 patients to share their stories,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:40.970 --> 00:38:42.884 and more magic can happen when

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:42.884 --> 00:38:44.750 we listen to those stories.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:44.750 --> 00:38:46.430 Not all of here, your song songwriters

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:46.430 --> 00:38:47.890 wrote about their health journeys,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:47.890 --> 00:38:50.277 but many who did ended up sharing

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:50.277 --> 00:38:52.519 their anxieties or frustrations with

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:52.519 --> 00:38:55.800 medical settings, medical procedures.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:55.800 --> 00:38:57.170 Some kids even challenge some

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:57.170 --> 00:38:58.920 assumptions that we might make about

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:38:58.920 --> 00:39:00.560 patients who have certain conditions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:00.560 --> 00:39:01.226 For example,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:01.226 --> 00:39:03.890 there's an 11 year old named Nella who

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:03.965 --> 00:39:06.203 wrote an incredible upbeat jazz song

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:06.203 --> 00:39:08.810 about what it's like having epilepsy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:08.810 --> 00:39:12.392 And how with epilepsy you get to have cool

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:12.392 --> 00:39:15.309 things like having an EEG and an MRI.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:15.310 --> 00:39:17.340 It's a really great song.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:17.340 --> 00:39:19.015 Here, song also introduced me
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:19.015 --> 00:39:20.355 to the incredible philosophies
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:20.355 --> 00:39:21.760 of narrative medicine,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:21.760 --> 00:39:23.856 which I've sort of taken a little snapshot
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:23.856 --> 00:39:25.780 of their mission statement up here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:25.780 --> 00:39:28.144 But narrative medicine is all about
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:28.144 --> 00:39:29.720 the intersection of humanities
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:29.786 --> 00:39:31.578 and centering patient stories.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:31.580 --> 00:39:32.375 And Dan Rubens,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:32.375 --> 00:39:33.700 the cofounder of your song,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:33.700 --> 00:39:36.675 even got to do a narrative medicine
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:36.675 --> 00:39:38.384 workshop featuring Nelly's lyrics
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:38.384 --> 00:39:40.556 from her song I have epilepsy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:40.560 --> 00:39:42.338 One of my also favorite parts of
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:42.338 --> 00:39:43.788 getting to work for here your

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:43.788 --> 00:39:45.644 song and it felt kind of a full

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:45.644 --> 00:39:48.542 circle moment was I got to pilot a

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:48.542 --> 00:39:51.008 partnership collaborating with Dan with

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:51.008 --> 00:39:53.618 NYU's Autism Nest Support Project,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:53.620 --> 00:39:55.550 which aims to better support

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:55.550 --> 00:39:57.480 neurodivergent kids in their classrooms.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:39:57.480 --> 00:40:00.756 And so because we wanted to separate

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:00.760 --> 00:40:03.290 autism and neurodivergence from the

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:03.290 --> 00:40:06.080 illness target of our of heartsongs mission,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:06.080 --> 00:40:08.152 we wanted to pilot this partnership and

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:08.152 --> 00:40:10.159 bring here songs programming to five.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:10.160 --> 00:40:13.450 Neurodivergent teens in the Bronx.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:13.450 --> 00:40:14.948 During my year with hear your song,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:14.950 --> 00:40:16.924 in order to gain more clinical exposure,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:16.930 --> 00:40:18.750 I worked as a child life volunteer

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:18.750 --> 00:40:20.350 at Weill Cornell Medical Center,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:20.350 --> 00:40:23.284 and even there I got to see the power
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:23.284 --> 00:40:25.179 of stories in medical settings.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:25.179 --> 00:40:27.638 In this one case there was 1/8 year
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:27.638 --> 00:40:29.549 old who we were kind of hanging
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:29.549 --> 00:40:31.800 around in the play area of the Child
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:31.800 --> 00:40:34.356 Life Center and she put on a toy
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:34.356 --> 00:40:36.176 stethoscope and started to reenact
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:36.176 --> 00:40:38.547 her surgical procedure with me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:38.550 --> 00:40:40.188 She got to perform her medical
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:40.188 --> 00:40:41.490 experience as she saw it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:41.490 --> 00:40:43.982 She put a little toy blood pressure
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:43.982 --> 00:40:46.250 cuff around me, put a shot in me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:46.250 --> 00:40:48.898 told me everything was going to be OK.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:48.900 --> 00:40:49.845 And to me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:49.845 --> 00:40:51.735 I could really see how performing

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:51.735 --> 00:40:54.039 this experience and sharing the story

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:54.039 --> 00:40:56.496 helped her regain power and control

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:56.496 --> 00:40:58.796 over an otherwise scary experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:40:58.800 --> 00:41:00.636 Also now during my postbac program,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:00.640 --> 00:41:01.975 I'm a volunteer for Hospice

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:01.975 --> 00:41:03.822 organization and I get to see the

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:03.822 --> 00:41:05.411 power of stories every week when I

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:05.411 --> 00:41:07.265 go and visit a Hospice patient and

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:07.265 --> 00:41:09.583 they tell me stories about their life

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:09.583 --> 00:41:12.990 as their life is coming to an end.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:12.990 --> 00:41:15.020 One of the biggest things my brother

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:15.020 --> 00:41:17.855 Sam has taught me is how much he is

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:17.855 --> 00:41:20.240 capable of personal growth and change.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:20.240 --> 00:41:23.054 When I was at my most cynical

NOTE Confidence: 0.7914247708125

00:41:23.054 --> 00:41:24.260 about my ability

NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:24.260 --> 00:41:27.460 and even my right to tell Sam's story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:27.460 --> 00:41:29.345 I ultimately realized that his
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:29.345 --> 00:41:31.680 story is not mine to tell.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:31.680 --> 00:41:34.660 My world was and is, as I now see it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:34.660 --> 00:41:37.212 a story about my own idealism and how
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:37.212 --> 00:41:39.869 I wanted the world to see my brother.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:39.870 --> 00:41:41.150 Like all the songs that I help the
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:41.150 --> 00:41:42.449 kids and hear your song, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:42.449 --> 00:41:45.860 The show was merely a snapshot of my life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:45.860 --> 00:41:47.190 Just like how deja Lisa
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:47.190 --> 00:41:48.520 song everything will be OK,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82683391

00:41:48.520 --> 00:41:50.230 was a snapshot of her life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:41:52.630 --> 00:41:55.086 The show was also, to a lesser extent,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:41:55.090 --> 00:41:56.968 a snapshot of Sam's life rather
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:41:56.968 --> 00:41:58.598 than the whole truth about
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:41:58.598 --> 00:42:00.458 his experience as it is today.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:00.460 --> 00:42:02.086 The reason I want to share
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:02.086 --> 00:42:03.700 this is because I've learned.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:03.700 --> 00:42:05.950 That medicine is often about accepting
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:05.950 --> 00:42:07.960 things that we cannot change,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:07.960 --> 00:42:09.900 accepting stories that we cannot
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:09.900 --> 00:42:12.430 rewrite to make into neater endings.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:12.430 --> 00:42:14.278 While there is so much that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:14.278 --> 00:42:16.006 know about the human condition
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:16.006 --> 00:42:18.186 through biology and modern medicine,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:18.190 --> 00:42:20.304 there's so much that we don't know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:20.310 --> 00:42:22.446 and there's so much knowledge that we can
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:22.446 --> 00:42:24.548 only obtain through listening to patients,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:24.550 --> 00:42:27.046 no matter how messy or nonlinear
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:27.046 --> 00:42:28.710 there's narratives may be.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:42:28.710 --> 00:42:31.164 Medicine is learning how to accompany
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:31.164 --> 00:42:33.243 people and supporting them when
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:33.243 --> 00:42:35.108 things often can't be changed.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:35.110 --> 00:42:36.870 The humanities is a vital part of this,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:36.870 --> 00:42:38.646 because the patient is their story,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:38.650 --> 00:42:40.090 as I'm sure you all know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:40.090 --> 00:42:42.071 and the only way we can improve
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:42.071 --> 00:42:44.166 on delivering the best care is by
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:44.166 --> 00:42:45.936 listening to more of these stories.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:45.940 --> 00:42:48.145 Programs like Hear your song and the
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:48.145 --> 00:42:49.467 philosophies of narrative medicine
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:49.467 --> 00:42:51.092 can help healthcare providers see
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:51.092 --> 00:42:52.989 how a patient's quote UN quote
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:52.989 --> 00:42:55.420 history is so much more than physical
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:55.420 --> 00:42:57.880 symptoms and numbers on a test result.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:42:57.880 --> 00:43:00.981 I want to highlight a quote by
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:00.981 --> 00:43:01.867 Megan O'Rourke.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:01.870 --> 00:43:03.620 Who wrote a memoir called
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:03.620 --> 00:43:04.670 The Invisible Kingdom?
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:04.670 --> 00:43:05.588 If you haven't read it yet,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:05.590 --> 00:43:09.318 highly recommend it's fantastic.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:09.320 --> 00:43:11.660 Nope. Umm, making work rights.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:11.660 --> 00:43:13.560 In the absence of certainty,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:13.560 --> 00:43:15.348 medical science remains unsure
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:15.348 --> 00:43:17.136 what story to tell.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:17.140 --> 00:43:18.806 Too often it turns away from patients.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:18.810 --> 00:43:20.430 Rather than listening to the long
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:20.430 --> 00:43:21.800 and chaotic stories we tell.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:21.800 --> 00:43:23.285 Narratives that start and stop
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:23.285 --> 00:43:24.176 and double back,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:24.180 --> 00:43:25.812 searching for meaning and the peculiar
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125
00:43:25.812 --> 00:43:27.380 rash that broke out that day,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:27.380 --> 00:43:29.515 or the car accident that triggered pain.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:29.520 --> 00:43:30.480 Or the death,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:30.480 --> 00:43:32.400 after which nothing was the same.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:32.400 --> 00:43:34.938 When we suffer, we want recognition.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:34.940 --> 00:43:37.144 We're science is silent.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:37.144 --> 00:43:38.797 Narrative creeps in.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:38.800 --> 00:43:40.294 I couldn't help that blurb about
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:40.294 --> 00:43:42.158 narratives that start and stop a double back.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:42.160 --> 00:43:44.309 I couldn't help but think back to
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:44.310 --> 00:43:46.398 Faulkner's the sound and the fury.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:46.400 --> 00:43:48.626 In which all of Benjy's experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:48.626 --> 00:43:51.061 in that book is narratives that
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:51.061 --> 00:43:53.677 start and stop and double back,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:53.680 --> 00:43:56.048 which is often the case when we talk
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:56.048 --> 00:43:58.118 to patients about their experience.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:58.120 --> 00:43:58.538 My musical.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:43:58.538 --> 00:44:00.210 As much as I wanted to be a

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:00.269 --> 00:44:01.717 narrative about my brother,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:01.720 --> 00:44:04.384 it was a narrative about my own blind spots.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:04.390 --> 00:44:05.050 As a physician,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:05.050 --> 00:44:06.590 I know that I will have many,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:06.590 --> 00:44:09.240 and all I can do is lean into those blind

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:09.308 --> 00:44:12.215 spots and be curious about what I don't know.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:12.220 --> 00:44:13.630 Looking towards my future as

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:13.630 --> 00:44:14.476 a healthcare provider,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:14.480 --> 00:44:16.344 I will carry with me all the lessons

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:16.344 --> 00:44:17.980 I learned from writing my world,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:17.980 --> 00:44:19.344 working at Winchester one,

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:19.344 --> 00:44:21.390 and working with hear your song.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:21.390 --> 00:44:23.532 Listening to patients is so much more

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:23.532 --> 00:44:25.789 than listening to what is on the surface.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:25.790 --> 00:44:28.726 It means being able to understand the nuances
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:28.726 --> 00:44:31.730 of the unspoken and what's underneath.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:31.730 --> 00:44:33.430 Sam.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:33.430 --> 00:44:35.254 I'm grateful to you for letting
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:35.254 --> 00:44:37.409 me tell a version of your story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.80379833125

00:44:37.410 --> 00:44:39.714 And I know that it's not the full story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:39.720 --> 00:44:41.214 And I know I told it at a time
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:41.214 --> 00:44:42.427 when I thought I knew you,
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:42.430 --> 00:44:44.398 and I thought I knew about your experience.
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:44.400 --> 00:44:45.830 But you've inspired me to
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:45.830 --> 00:44:47.260 always keep listening to you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:47.260 --> 00:44:49.040 Because only when we start
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:49.040 --> 00:44:50.820 listening will the stories we
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:50.890 --> 00:44:52.610 tell be worth listening to.
NOTE Confidence: 0.866741183333333

00:44:52.610 --> 00:44:53.490 Thank you so much.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:06.390 --> 00:45:09.198 And I have some.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:09.200 --> 00:45:11.580 I have some recommended reading and viewing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:11.580 --> 00:45:14.210 These are some pieces of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:14.210 --> 00:45:15.534 Uh, comedy books, movies,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:15.534 --> 00:45:18.034 TV shows that I think are really

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:18.034 --> 00:45:19.826 wonderful about the autistic

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:19.826 --> 00:45:21.618 experience that encourage you

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:21.618 --> 00:45:23.818 all to watch if you have time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:23.820 --> 00:45:25.230 And I'm happy to take any

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:25.230 --> 00:45:26.497 questions at this point if

NOTE Confidence: 0.9088099875

00:45:26.497 --> 00:45:27.609 anybody has any questions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67745265

00:45:37.460 --> 00:45:39.040 Lots of clapping on zoom if

NOTE Confidence: 0.67745265

00:45:39.040 --> 00:45:40.900 there are questions here in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.815542273076923

00:45:40.966 --> 00:45:42.810 in the audience. Thank you, Jake.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8888875

00:45:45.130 --> 00:45:48.764 Yes, artiste. And can you,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8888875

00:45:48.764 --> 00:45:50.630 for those of us who only know you from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8888875

00:45:50.630 --> 00:45:51.889 Yeah, you're the RT.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8888875

00:45:51.890 --> 00:45:53.640 Can you just reintroduce yourself
NOTE Confidence: 0.7375497

00:45:53.650 --> 00:45:54.898 or for us and you ask your question?
NOTE Confidence: 0.80438143625

00:45:54.910 --> 00:45:55.804 Yeah, absolutely. Hi,
NOTE Confidence: 0.80438143625

00:45:55.804 --> 00:45:57.294 everyone. My name is John.
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:45:57.430 --> 00:46:01.657 I had that of playing Benji in the first
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:46:01.657 --> 00:46:03.793 iteration of of my world back in 2019
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:46:03.793 --> 00:46:06.410 and I'm very grateful to to Jake for
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:46:06.410 --> 00:46:09.180 trusting me with that opportunity and
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:46:09.180 --> 00:46:12.195 and very beautiful and special story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:46:12.195 --> 00:46:14.212 I'm just curious Jake, if you could
NOTE Confidence: 0.5399420325

00:46:14.212 --> 00:46:16.370 just speak a little bit more. About the.
NOTE Confidence: 0.5527945

00:46:17.920 --> 00:46:19.460 Just sort of. You're coming
NOTE Confidence: 0.905856234

00:46:19.470 --> 00:46:20.970 to the realization of about
NOTE Confidence: 0.905856234

00:46:20.970 --> 00:46:22.520 the shortcomings of the first
NOTE Confidence: 0.905856234

00:46:22.520 --> 00:46:24.660 iteration of of the show and and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.920620068333333
00:46:26.250 --> 00:46:29.235 How how you just kind of went
NOTE Confidence: 0.920620068333333
00:46:29.235 --> 00:46:31.488 about. Going about revising
NOTE Confidence: 0.802294235
00:46:31.500 --> 00:46:32.425 and like making that decision
NOTE Confidence: 0.802294235
00:46:32.425 --> 00:46:33.350 to like do that that
NOTE Confidence: 0.806467097142857
00:46:33.360 --> 00:46:35.142 critical review and and revision and
NOTE Confidence: 0.806467097142857
00:46:35.142 --> 00:46:37.830 just kind of breaking the ice so to speak
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:37.840 --> 00:46:40.270 and like starting that process.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:40.270 --> 00:46:43.878 Yeah, I mean I I think it was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:43.880 --> 00:46:46.032 Kind of a no brainer after the first
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:46.032 --> 00:46:47.450 production because obviously I mean.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:47.450 --> 00:46:49.322 The ride we were on while working on that,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:49.330 --> 00:46:50.506 it was so incredible.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:50.506 --> 00:46:52.940 But I think, I mean even you remember,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:52.940 --> 00:46:54.986 I think there were some conversations
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026
00:46:54.986 --> 00:46:56.680 throughout where we were like.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:46:56.680 --> 00:46:57.418 You know what?
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:46:57.418 --> 00:47:00.199 What right do we have to tell the story?
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:00.200 --> 00:47:02.200 Because there, as I said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:02.200 --> 00:47:04.685 there were kind of no openly neurodivergent
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:04.685 --> 00:47:06.499 or autistic people on the team.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:06.500 --> 00:47:09.307 And I knew that was a shortcoming,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:09.310 --> 00:47:11.000 but I I knew that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:11.000 --> 00:47:13.754 You know, shows like this about
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:13.754 --> 00:47:16.160 disability don't get done a lot,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:16.160 --> 00:47:17.900 I think at at Yale.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:17.900 --> 00:47:19.876 And so I knew that in this kind
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:19.876 --> 00:47:21.460 of educational setting, you know?
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:21.460 --> 00:47:23.560 I was willing to at least quote
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:23.560 --> 00:47:25.462 UN quote forgive ourselves for
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:25.462 --> 00:47:28.170 not being as inclusive as we were,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:28.170 --> 00:47:30.165 but shortly after I knew that kind

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:30.165 --> 00:47:32.777 of in the quote UN quote real world.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:32.780 --> 00:47:35.648 That's not OK and you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:35.650 --> 00:47:38.980 at the time I really wanted to bring my

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:38.980 --> 00:47:42.156 world to possibly a professional stage.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:42.160 --> 00:47:43.752 And so I knew that the only way

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:43.752 --> 00:47:45.280 to do that was to include,

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:45.280 --> 00:47:47.208 you know, neurodivergent voices.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:47.208 --> 00:47:48.262 So. You know, I'll admit,

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:48.262 --> 00:47:49.120 when I was trying to figure

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:49.155 --> 00:47:49.767 out who to interview,

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:49.770 --> 00:47:52.890 I was Googling like theater autism,

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:52.890 --> 00:47:54.363 who works with disabled actors,

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:54.363 --> 00:47:55.828 and I found epic players.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:55.830 --> 00:47:57.620 I'm sorry for the loudness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:47:57.620 --> 00:48:00.770 And then I found epic players.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:00.770 --> 00:48:02.779 And I sort of knew that this
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:02.779 --> 00:48:04.202 educational environment and kind of
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:04.202 --> 00:48:05.959 writing my thesis was perfect for kind
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:05.959 --> 00:48:08.124 of doing this kind of ethnographic
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:08.124 --> 00:48:09.608 research and interviewing people.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:09.610 --> 00:48:11.836 And then the revision was the
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:11.836 --> 00:48:13.320 actual kind of deconstructing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:13.320 --> 00:48:15.300 The story was really based on
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:15.300 --> 00:48:17.769 how much kind of I saw Sam grow.
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:17.770 --> 00:48:20.320 Over the past two years, and Sayre,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:20.320 --> 00:48:22.600 who was helping me revise it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:22.600 --> 00:48:23.656 really had, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:23.656 --> 00:48:25.270 important things to say about, oh,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:25.270 --> 00:48:27.300 that dialogue feels a little too kitschy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:27.300 --> 00:48:29.568 or that's not really what an
NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:29.568 --> 00:48:31.080 autistic person would say.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720554026

00:48:31.080 --> 00:48:32.725 So that's kind of how it happened.

NOTE Confidence: 0.72719815

00:48:38.470 --> 00:48:41.479 Ohh yes please.

NOTE Confidence: 0.68084541

00:48:42.570 --> 00:48:43.120 Hi, Jay.

NOTE Confidence: 0.811376532857143

00:48:44.620 --> 00:48:45.754 Well, you've demonstrated

NOTE Confidence: 0.811376532857143

00:48:45.754 --> 00:48:47.266 the joys of mentorship.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80552757

00:48:49.330 --> 00:48:51.445 In a in a wonderful way. And you've

NOTE Confidence: 0.80552757

00:48:51.445 --> 00:48:53.038 also told us something about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.80362105

00:48:55.090 --> 00:48:57.134 The humanities is a bulwark

NOTE Confidence: 0.80362105

00:48:57.134 --> 00:49:00.320 against arrogance. And a

NOTE Confidence: 0.9238185733333333

00:49:00.320 --> 00:49:01.952 very important thing for those

NOTE Confidence: 0.9238185733333333

00:49:01.952 --> 00:49:03.486 of us who have hung around

NOTE Confidence: 0.9238185733333333

00:49:03.486 --> 00:49:05.989 academic medical centers, there

NOTE Confidence: 0.9652573733333333

00:49:06.000 --> 00:49:06.750 are things that

NOTE Confidence: 0.856364674285714

00:49:06.760 --> 00:49:10.960 you and Sam taught me about Neurodivergence.

NOTE Confidence: 0.856364674285714

00:49:10.960 --> 00:49:14.117 That were so vital, they really overwhelmed

NOTE Confidence: 0.81825776

00:49:14.130 --> 00:49:16.020 the funk, the things that I thought
NOTE Confidence: 0.81825776

00:49:16.020 --> 00:49:18.360 I had learned clinically because,
NOTE Confidence: 0.81825776

00:49:18.360 --> 00:49:20.790 you know, the brain privileges
NOTE Confidence: 0.877601778

00:49:20.800 --> 00:49:24.540 music in a very interesting way.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877601778

00:49:24.540 --> 00:49:26.566 Parts of it are preserved in Alzheimer's
NOTE Confidence: 0.877601778

00:49:26.566 --> 00:49:29.703 when the hippocampus is is being wasted.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877601778

00:49:29.703 --> 00:49:31.608 Why would music be preserved?
NOTE Confidence: 0.881717198

00:49:31.680 --> 00:49:34.950 And partly because it's such a powerfully
NOTE Confidence: 0.881717198

00:49:34.960 --> 00:49:39.120 emotionally connected form of communication,
NOTE Confidence: 0.822294625

00:49:39.120 --> 00:49:41.788 and you're bringing that to to
NOTE Confidence: 0.822294625

00:49:41.788 --> 00:49:45.458 help us understand the experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.822294625

00:49:45.460 --> 00:49:47.288 that Sam has grown up with.
NOTE Confidence: 0.736907494

00:49:47.360 --> 00:49:50.050 It's really been a gift. Don't quit.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:49:51.360 --> 00:49:54.456 I think you you have a.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:49:54.460 --> 00:49:56.488 I'm going to wish you good
NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:49:56.488 --> 00:49:58.730 luck with the mcats next month.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:49:58.730 --> 00:50:03.190 And we all do, because we need you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:50:03.190 --> 00:50:04.990 And I would encourage you,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:50:04.990 --> 00:50:06.806 one of the things about narrative

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:50:06.806 --> 00:50:08.536 medicine is that one of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:50:08.536 --> 00:50:10.735 things I hear from my, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:50:10.735 --> 00:50:13.150 wet lab friends is they hear the word

NOTE Confidence: 0.8689453

00:50:13.150 --> 00:50:14.640 narrative message and they go yawn.

NOTE Confidence: 0.88326068

00:50:15.510 --> 00:50:17.251 And the problem is that we have not

NOTE Confidence: 0.88326068

00:50:17.251 --> 00:50:19.000 done a very good job of connecting.

NOTE Confidence: 0.862677724

00:50:19.840 --> 00:50:21.590 You know, the epigenetic value

NOTE Confidence: 0.810440286666667

00:50:21.600 --> 00:50:24.180 of narrative medicine. And

NOTE Confidence: 0.8462394675

00:50:24.180 --> 00:50:26.076 I think we can all do a better job of that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8462394675

00:50:26.076 --> 00:50:27.828 Thank you, Jake, and thank you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86546385

00:50:28.330 --> 00:50:29.578 Thank you. Thank you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.842785712222222

00:50:32.040 --> 00:50:33.672 Just checking the chat to see if there's

NOTE Confidence: 0.842785712222222

00:50:33.672 --> 00:50:35.650 any. We have a doctor Cardona here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:37.630 --> 00:50:39.275 Thank you so much and I appreciate
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:39.280 --> 00:50:41.846 with amazing gratitude all the
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:41.846 --> 00:50:44.270 work you did on when he won,
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:44.270 --> 00:50:46.223 when you were with us there on
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:46.223 --> 00:50:47.849 the psychologist on that service.
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:47.850 --> 00:50:49.929 And so I really appreciate your dedication
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:49.929 --> 00:50:52.465 to the kids we had who are so vulnerable.
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:52.470 --> 00:50:56.826 So I want to clarify something you said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:56.830 --> 00:50:58.194 if I'm understanding it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:50:58.194 --> 00:51:01.130 when you start to think about the revision,
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:51:01.130 --> 00:51:05.114 were you feeling yourself or that you
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:51:05.114 --> 00:51:07.572 would be accused of somehow disability?
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:51:07.572 --> 00:51:07.984 Appropriation,
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:51:07.984 --> 00:51:11.743 like you had made it your own in a
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857

00:51:11.743 --> 00:51:14.077 way that you hadn't experienced with,

NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857
00:51:14.080 --> 00:51:16.144 was, was that something that had
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857
00:51:16.144 --> 00:51:18.222 been communicated to you here as
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857
00:51:18.222 --> 00:51:19.817 an undergraduate in some way,
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857
00:51:19.820 --> 00:51:21.750 that you had appropriated something
NOTE Confidence: 0.944435307142857
00:51:21.750 --> 00:51:23.570 that you shouldn't have?
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:24.380 --> 00:51:25.252 That's a good question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:25.252 --> 00:51:26.560 I don't think the issue is
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:26.605 --> 00:51:27.739 necessarily appropriation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:27.740 --> 00:51:30.370 I think it was more of the the kind of
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:30.447 --> 00:51:33.055 actor piece of it like John who played
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:33.055 --> 00:51:35.550 Benji so beautifully and I I don't
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:35.550 --> 00:51:37.950 regret it all having John played Benji.
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:37.950 --> 00:51:40.155 But I think in I thought that,
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:40.160 --> 00:51:41.560 you know, doing the show over zoom,
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333
00:51:41.560 --> 00:51:43.156 because of the restrictions of the pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.746842553333333

00:51:43.160 --> 00:51:44.980 provide a unique opportunity for me to

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:44.980 --> 00:51:47.260 be like well, maybe I can collaborate

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:47.260 --> 00:51:49.510 with an autistic actor and writer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:49.510 --> 00:51:51.001 And I think it was more about

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:51.001 --> 00:51:52.759 when I had done the interviews,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:52.760 --> 00:51:54.410 a lot of what these.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:54.410 --> 00:51:56.640 Actors were saying is like.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:56.640 --> 00:51:58.194 You know, typically when you see

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:51:58.194 --> 00:52:01.009 a show or a movie with an autistic

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:01.009 --> 00:52:02.296 or neurodivergent character,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:02.300 --> 00:52:03.574 the kind of famous ones you see,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:03.580 --> 00:52:04.624 it's like, oh,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:04.624 --> 00:52:06.016 it's a neurotypical person

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:06.016 --> 00:52:07.060 playing that character.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:07.060 --> 00:52:09.496 And those performances are often great.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:09.500 --> 00:52:11.740 And I I don't think anyone would

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:11.740 --> 00:52:13.459 say those performances should stop.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:13.460 --> 00:52:15.452 But I I wanted to explore what it

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:15.452 --> 00:52:17.855 would be like to collaborate with a

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:17.855 --> 00:52:19.695 neurodivergent actor and see actors

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:19.757 --> 00:52:21.941 and see what that would be like in

NOTE Confidence: 0.7468425533333333

00:52:21.941 --> 00:52:23.630 the context of the show that I wrote.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:24.240 --> 00:52:26.436 So my follow up to that was when you

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:26.436 --> 00:52:28.519 are finished with medical school,

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:28.520 --> 00:52:31.130 please apply here.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:31.130 --> 00:52:34.364 And you work on the next iteration,

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:34.370 --> 00:52:36.346 would you then consider

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:36.346 --> 00:52:39.310 putting your lens as the front?

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:39.310 --> 00:52:40.530 As the front narrator,

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:40.530 --> 00:52:41.445 in other words,

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:41.450 --> 00:52:45.010 yourself as an emerging physician

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:45.010 --> 00:52:46.750 now looking at autism through

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:46.750 --> 00:52:49.817 a new lens and and you kind of

NOTE Confidence: 0.919631637857143

00:52:49.817 --> 00:52:51.477 being the central character.

NOTE Confidence: 0.839893785714286

00:52:52.370 --> 00:52:55.394 Oh boy, put myself at the center.

NOTE Confidence: 0.726572145

00:52:56.800 --> 00:52:59.680 Experience as an emerging physician in.

NOTE Confidence: 0.726572145

00:52:59.680 --> 00:53:01.752 And caring for neurodiverse

NOTE Confidence: 0.726572145

00:53:01.752 --> 00:53:03.010 individuals. Again, same

NOTE Confidence: 0.816968175

00:53:03.020 --> 00:53:05.970 story but it different. Yeah.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:06.150 --> 00:53:07.928 I mean I that would certainly be

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:07.928 --> 00:53:09.270 an interesting thing to explore.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:09.270 --> 00:53:11.503 I think my my always my kind

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:11.503 --> 00:53:13.412 of #1 priority was getting

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:13.412 --> 00:53:15.587 to center the autistic story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:15.590 --> 00:53:18.286 But you know kind of in in many

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:18.286 --> 00:53:20.358 people I've talked to I I don't

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:20.358 --> 00:53:22.150 want to put Ethan on the spot here

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:22.203 --> 00:53:23.745 but he this is Ethan Reardon.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:23.750 --> 00:53:26.018 He he played the character of

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:26.018 --> 00:53:27.890 Quentin in the kind of revised

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:27.954 --> 00:53:30.180 version of my world and and Quentin

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:30.180 --> 00:53:32.150 was Benjy's brother and Quentin was

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:32.150 --> 00:53:33.765 always the kind of hardest character

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:33.765 --> 00:53:35.510 to write because it was kind of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:35.510 --> 00:53:36.974 Directly based on me.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:36.974 --> 00:53:39.170 And I was really uncomfortable with

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:39.235 --> 00:53:41.656 it and all the drafts that I did were

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:41.656 --> 00:53:43.478 just like really bad about Quentin.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:43.478 --> 00:53:45.941 But I I do think it would be an

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:45.941 --> 00:53:48.517 interesting thing to kind of return to later.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:48.520 --> 00:53:50.600 I've always wanted to return to the show.

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:50.600 --> 00:53:51.956 I'm taking biology,

NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333

00:53:51.956 --> 00:53:54.216 physics and chemistry right now,
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:53:54.220 --> 00:53:54.748 plus labs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:53:54.748 --> 00:53:57.279 so I haven't had much time to work on it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:53:57.280 --> 00:53:58.870 but it definitely be something
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:53:58.870 --> 00:54:00.460 I would be interested in.
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:54:00.460 --> 00:54:02.044 Kind of my perspective as Sam
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:54:02.044 --> 00:54:03.660 grows up as I grew up,
NOTE Confidence: 0.794061185833333
00:54:03.660 --> 00:54:05.570 seeing how that dynamic changes.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89326626
00:54:07.760 --> 00:54:09.916 We have two more, at least more
NOTE Confidence: 0.89326626
00:54:09.916 --> 00:54:11.640 comments here in the crowd,
NOTE Confidence: 0.805544645
00:54:11.640 --> 00:54:13.336 Karen and and Karen, I know you well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.805544645
00:54:13.340 --> 00:54:14.516 but some people might not know you,
NOTE Confidence: 0.805544645
00:54:14.520 --> 00:54:15.870 so just introduce yourself please.
NOTE Confidence: 0.838595923333333
00:54:17.490 --> 00:54:19.218 Hi, my name is Karen Lammey.
NOTE Confidence: 0.838595923333333
00:54:19.220 --> 00:54:22.070 I'm the manager of the therapeutic
NOTE Confidence: 0.838595923333333
00:54:22.070 --> 00:54:24.330 recreation groups on Winchester one.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:24.330 --> 00:54:26.409 And Jake, I just want to say,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:26.410 --> 00:54:28.282 you know thank you for all that you did.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:28.290 --> 00:54:29.946 I want to kind of did a little

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:29.946 --> 00:54:31.747 bit from what doctor Cardona said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:31.750 --> 00:54:33.437 But I had the privilege to work

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:33.437 --> 00:54:35.342 with Jake and the times that he came

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:35.342 --> 00:54:37.139 on to the unit with the children

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:37.139 --> 00:54:38.987 and the work was just incredible.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:38.990 --> 00:54:41.213 I mean you said just such a small piece

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:41.213 --> 00:54:43.647 of of what you did and it was pretty

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:43.647 --> 00:54:45.441 amazing and then to continue with

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:45.441 --> 00:54:47.706 the here our song program was just.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:47.706 --> 00:54:49.986 Just something incredible to our

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:49.986 --> 00:54:52.734 unit and all my 35 years there,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:52.734 --> 00:54:54.890 I'd say it's one that just stands

NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:54.959 --> 00:54:56.469 out above them the rest.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:56.470 --> 00:54:59.142 So I I truly thank you from the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:54:59.142 --> 00:55:00.630 bottom of my heart.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:55:00.630 --> 00:55:02.826 And I love Doctor Cardona's idea
NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:55:02.826 --> 00:55:04.290 of being the forefront.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:55:04.290 --> 00:55:08.146 In fact, you could be a singing physician.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8385959233333333

00:55:08.150 --> 00:55:11.770 Yes. I like it. Thank you so much.
NOTE Confidence: 0.6136820075

00:55:11.950 --> 00:55:13.278 Thank you. Thank you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8035828777777778

00:55:13.410 --> 00:55:14.019 Thank you, Karen.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8035828777777778

00:55:14.019 --> 00:55:15.237 And we have one more question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8035828777777778

00:55:15.240 --> 00:55:16.150 I'm sorry, I don't know your name,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8035828777777778

00:55:16.150 --> 00:55:18.850 but you're gonna tell us who you are.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7311620833333333

00:55:18.850 --> 00:55:21.280 I'm Ethan Reardon. Um, thank you,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7311620833333333

00:55:21.280 --> 00:55:23.160 Jake, for an incredibly thoughtful
NOTE Confidence: 0.7311620833333333

00:55:23.160 --> 00:55:25.220 and wonderful presentation. I'm
NOTE Confidence: 0.9483599

00:55:25.230 --> 00:55:26.700 curious about like

NOTE Confidence: 0.860620801428571
00:55:27.070 --> 00:55:29.786 I guess the lines of of value
NOTE Confidence: 0.860620801428571
00:55:29.790 --> 00:55:31.710 and or responsibility and and
NOTE Confidence: 0.860620801428571
00:55:31.710 --> 00:55:33.590 how these ethical questions
NOTE Confidence: 0.843191352
00:55:33.590 --> 00:55:35.620 come up to you or came up
NOTE Confidence: 0.843191352
00:55:35.620 --> 00:55:39.280 to you when? Performing my
NOTE Confidence: 0.8216436175
00:55:39.290 --> 00:55:43.469 world for a neurotypical audience and a Yale
NOTE Confidence: 0.8216436175
00:55:43.470 --> 00:55:47.060 audience versus a neurodivergent audience
NOTE Confidence: 0.861028667777778
00:55:47.070 --> 00:55:48.638 and. Whether there were
NOTE Confidence: 0.861028667777778
00:55:48.638 --> 00:55:50.598 different questions that came up
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928853333333
00:55:50.610 --> 00:55:52.494 to you and whether the value of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928853333333
00:55:52.494 --> 00:55:54.268 show changed depending on the audience
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928853333333
00:55:54.270 --> 00:55:56.174 that you were presenting it to.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928853333333
00:55:56.174 --> 00:55:58.550 Because I know that for
NOTE Confidence: 0.863970634
00:55:58.550 --> 00:56:00.230 the music for autism group
NOTE Confidence: 0.863970634
00:56:00.230 --> 00:56:02.400 for for instance, absolutely
NOTE Confidence: 0.90602938375

00:56:02.410 --> 00:56:05.080 loved and adored your work on my world. And

NOTE Confidence: 0.9329785533333333

00:56:05.090 --> 00:56:06.878 maybe that had

NOTE Confidence: 0.8571322666666667

00:56:06.890 --> 00:56:08.614 a different impact on how you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8571322666666667

00:56:08.614 --> 00:56:10.018 were thinking out of it compared

NOTE Confidence: 0.8793946875

00:56:10.030 --> 00:56:12.078 to its first presentation

NOTE Confidence: 0.7808020833333333

00:56:12.470 --> 00:56:13.040 in the light

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:13.050 --> 00:56:15.730 and theater, for example, or or over zoom.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:15.730 --> 00:56:18.130 So I'm curious about that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:18.130 --> 00:56:19.620 Yeah, it's an interesting question,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:19.620 --> 00:56:21.216 I I feel like.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:21.216 --> 00:56:23.610 I think the show definitely hit.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:23.610 --> 00:56:24.334 People differently.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:24.334 --> 00:56:27.230 I remember at the music for autism concert,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:27.230 --> 00:56:29.000 it was more of a yes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:29.000 --> 00:56:30.617 we performed the show and the story,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:30.620 --> 00:56:32.460 but like the kind of point of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:32.460 --> 00:56:33.960 mission of the organization is for

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:33.960 --> 00:56:36.170 the kids to kind of get up and dance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:36.170 --> 00:56:37.388 And the kids were like like

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:37.388 --> 00:56:38.630 8 year olds and younger.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:38.630 --> 00:56:39.650 So they weren't really, I think,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:39.650 --> 00:56:42.449 focused on what was going on in the story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:42.450 --> 00:56:44.190 But after the performance at

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:44.190 --> 00:56:45.930 Yale that there was definitely.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:45.930 --> 00:56:47.008 You know, I think as I said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:47.010 --> 00:56:49.730 I think, I think Sam.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:49.730 --> 00:56:51.235 You know, had his reaction to it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:51.240 --> 00:56:52.284 and Sam and I have talked

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:52.284 --> 00:56:52.980 about it since then,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:52.980 --> 00:56:55.320 but a lot of Sam's friends, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:55.320 --> 00:56:57.480 emailed me and messaged me about

NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:56:57.480 --> 00:57:00.070 what they thought of the show about.
NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:57:00.070 --> 00:57:00.510 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.82353752

00:57:00.510 --> 00:57:01.170 I think the.
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:03.650 --> 00:57:06.102 I don't want to like say nice things
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:06.102 --> 00:57:07.810 that other people said about the show,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:07.810 --> 00:57:09.346 but one person did talk about the song.
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:09.350 --> 00:57:11.060 Talking is hard and how that
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:11.060 --> 00:57:13.178 was kind of like a, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:13.178 --> 00:57:15.148 good representation of maybe the
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:15.148 --> 00:57:16.330 communication difficulties and,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:16.330 --> 00:57:18.460 you know, neurodivergence.
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:18.460 --> 00:57:20.580 But I I think.
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:20.580 --> 00:57:23.150 I think the the kind of big feedback I got
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:23.218 --> 00:57:25.549 was like for families and for parents,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:25.550 --> 00:57:27.446 I was getting a lot of feedback about,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:27.450 --> 00:57:28.314 you know.

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:28.314 --> 00:57:32.228 How I at least I hope the show kind of

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:32.228 --> 00:57:33.831 shows the different side of the family

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:33.831 --> 00:57:35.126 narrative that we don't get to see,

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:35.130 --> 00:57:37.506 I think typically in a lot of shows.

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:37.510 --> 00:57:39.538 You know that have existed about

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:39.538 --> 00:57:41.776 autism and our divergent of it focuses

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:41.776 --> 00:57:43.687 a lot on like the family impact.

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:43.690 --> 00:57:46.114 It's like how does this intellectually

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:46.114 --> 00:57:48.290 disabled person impact the brother,

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:48.290 --> 00:57:50.246 the mother, the father, the cousin,

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:50.250 --> 00:57:50.644 whatever.

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:50.644 --> 00:57:54.190 And I just I I hope that it provided

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:54.277 --> 00:57:56.758 a unique perspective and I think

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:56.758 --> 00:57:58.550 we just haven't done it enough for

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:57:58.609 --> 00:58:00.667 enough audiences for me to know like.

NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:58:00.670 --> 00:58:01.050 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:58:01.050 --> 00:58:02.570 and everyone has their own reaction to it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:58:02.570 --> 00:58:03.830 So I would definitely be interested
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:58:03.830 --> 00:58:05.708 in to kind of explore more audiences,
NOTE Confidence: 0.842351328

00:58:05.710 --> 00:58:06.619 but thank you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:07.230 --> 00:58:10.050 Well, Jake, you you definitely have.
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:10.050 --> 00:58:12.720 You've given us a very unique
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:12.720 --> 00:58:15.090 perspective and we're very grateful
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:15.171 --> 00:58:16.798 and I maybe people on some can't see,
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:16.800 --> 00:58:18.914 but I want to also welcome and
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:18.914 --> 00:58:20.620 thank your parents and your family
NOTE Confidence: 0.709420886

00:58:20.620 --> 00:58:23.109 and of course Sam. Sam, I am
NOTE Confidence: 0.75311732

00:58:23.120 --> 00:58:25.210 our star for being here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7919983

00:58:28.870 --> 00:58:30.910 And thank you for what you're doing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.889854605

00:58:30.910 --> 00:58:31.846 Thank you for what you're doing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.889854605

00:58:31.850 --> 00:58:34.064 And thank you also for being a model of,

NOTE Confidence: 0.889854605

00:58:34.070 --> 00:58:35.996 you know, sharing personal stories,

NOTE Confidence: 0.889854605

00:58:35.996 --> 00:58:38.170 vulnerable stories, human stories.

NOTE Confidence: 0.889854605

00:58:38.170 --> 00:58:40.450 We need more more of that in medicine.

NOTE Confidence: 0.889854605

00:58:40.450 --> 00:58:42.678 So thank you and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.775013428

00:58:44.160 --> 00:58:46.400 Thank you. Till the next time. Yes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.775013428

00:58:46.400 --> 00:58:47.570 Thank you everyone for coming.

NOTE Confidence: 0.775013428

00:58:47.570 --> 00:58:49.670 Thank you everyone on Zoom for coming.

NOTE Confidence: 0.775013428

00:58:49.670 --> 00:58:50.550 Thank you so much.