

## FILMS ABOUT AUTISM

- **RAIN MAN-** Charlie Babbitt discovers that his estranged father has died and bequeathed his multi-million dollar estate to Raymond, the brother Charlie never knew he had. Raymond is an autistic savant. The film follows the brothers' developing relationship. It has been credited with the increasing public awareness of autism.
- **SNOW CAKE-** (Cert 15) A drama about friendship between Linda, a woman with autism, and Alex, who is traumatised after a car accident involving himself and Linda's daughter. It stars Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman. Weaver was coached by Ros Blackburn, an author and speaker who is on the spectrum.
- **TEMPLE GRANDIN-** A biopic of Temple Grandin who was diagnosed with autism in the 1950's. Temple is noted for creating the 'hug box', a stress relieving device, and her humane design for the treatment of cattle in processing plants.
- **EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLY CLOSE-** (Cert 12) Oskar Schnell is a New Yorker whose father died on 9/11. Amongst his father's belongings, Oskar finds a key in an envelope with the word 'black' written on it. Curious to know more

he criss-crosses the city looking for people with the surname black.

- **MARY AND MAX-** (Cert 12) An animated film that follows the decades- long correspondence between Mary and max. Mary is a lonely little girl who picks Max's name out of a phone book and starts writing to him. She grows up to become a psychologist and max. Who has always had difficulty relating to other people, is diagnosed with Asperger syndrome.
- **THE BLACK BALLOON-** (Cert 15) Fifteen- year-old Thomas and his family move to a new home. All Thomas wants to do is fit in at school and have a 'normal' adolescence but his brother, Charlie, who has autism, seems to thwart his every opportunity. Will Thomas learn to accept his brother?

## ONLINE VIDEOS ABOUT AUTISM

- WHAT IS AUTISM?- Created by the NAS in 2013, this awareness raising tool is a great introduction to autism for who know very little about it. Easy to share on social media, it aims to improve general understanding of the condition.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4G0HTIUBII](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4G0HTIUBII)
- MY AUTISM AND ME: A NEWSROUND SPECIAL- Made by the BBC in 2011 this short documentary by Rosie who has Asperger syndrome, and features Lenny, Ben and Toby, who all have a form of Autism.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?=ejpWWP1HNGQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?=ejpWWP1HNGQ)
- TEMPLE GRANDIN: THE WORLD NEEDS ALL TYPES OF MIND- Renowned author and speaker Temple Grandin talks about her experiences of learning and working with Asperger syndrome and explains how to prepare young people with autism for work.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?vfn\\_9f5x0f1Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?vfn_9f5x0f1Q)
- A WINDOW INTO OUR WORLD- Made by young campaigners in 2013, this short stop motion video gives an insight into the causes of anxiety and stress for young people living with autism  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v+sBdLqyi6Y3y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+sBdLqyi6Y3y)
- BOY IN THE BUBBLE- A short simple animation narrated by four year old Malachy, which emphasises that it is possible to take part in the

world, even if you feel excluded on the account of having autism.

[www.senassist.com/video3.html](http://www.senassist.com/video3.html)

- THE AUTISM PUZZLE- This one hour BBC documentary made in 2002/3 features Michael Baron, co-foundr of the NAS, and his son Timothy. A mixture of personal history and information about Autism, it also looks at research and interviews experts on the subject.  
Vimeo.com/20748434