

Aimee Mullins

Aimée Mullins has redefined what versatility looks like. From the track to the runway, from film and television to the speaker's podium, her life is a masterclass in breaking through conventional boundaries.

KEY TOPICS

- Embracing Adversity

BIOGRAPHY

Aimée Mullins: A Trailblazer Who Turns Adversity Into Advantage

Aimée is known for breaking barriers and resetting norms. She set Paralympic world records as a double amputee athlete, graced international fashion runways, and built a screen career that includes acclaimed film and television shows. An advocate, actor and public speaker, she shares a clear, human take on personal and professional challenges. Her signature keynote, **Embracing Adversity**, leaves audiences with practical ways to move forward when the ground shifts.

A Pioneer on the Track and Beyond

Aimée earned a full scholarship to **Georgetown University** and became the first amputee to compete in NCAA Division I track and field. She represented Team USA at Atlanta 1996 and set Paralympic world records in the 100 m, 200 m and long jump. Early in her career she raced on prototype sprinting legs modelled on the hind legs of a cheetah, helping to popularise the carbon fibre "cheetah" design now seen across elite para sport. Coverage from **Life magazine** and **Sports Illustrated** showcased her achievements and led to frequent public speaking appearances, including the world famous **TED Conference.**

Crossing Into Fashion, Art and Media

Aimée's influence reaches far beyond sport. She opened an **Alexander McQueen** show in London wearing hand carved wooden prosthetic legs that later entered a fine art context at the Victoria and Albert Museum. She has appeared in fashion advertising and editorials for titles including Harper's Bazaar, with further features in Sports Illustrated and Life magazine. On screen, *she appeared in the hit series Stranger Things and in Apple TV+'s Extrapolations*, and she has worked with contemporary artist Matthew Barney on projects that shaped avant garde cinema. Her work has been highlighted by institutions such as Tate Modern and in design and culture settings worldwide.

Advocate and Advisor

In 2012, Aimée served as Chef de Mission for Team USA at the London Paralympic Games. That same year, *Secretary of State Hillary Clinton appointed her to the State Department's Council to Empower Women and Girls Through Sports*. A former president of the **Women's Sports Foundation**, founded by Billie Jean King, Aimée

continues to advise on inclusive design, performance and leadership across established industries that are ready to spin off new ideas.

Embracing Adversity

In her keynote, Aimée reframes “crisis as usual” for today’s business leaders. She shows how constraint can spark innovation, how to make confident choices at critical decision points, and how to continually decide rather than wait. Delegates leave with a stronger vantage point for handling rapid change and finding meaningful ways to move.

A Life Recognised

Aimée is one of the youngest inductees into the **United States’ National Women’s Hall of Fame**. Her **TED talks** have been translated into dozens of languages. She has been recognised by a women’s museum and by the track and field community, and her story continues to appear in exhibitions, collections and international design conferences.

A Personalised Touch

For a custom experience, Aimée often hosts interactive Q&A sessions. These candid conversations invite your audience to explore topics such as identity, innovation, body image and leadership in action.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

> "*“Aimée was a huge hit at our user conference. She received a higher score in our attendee survey than any of the other 12 guest speakers we have featured. Her inspirational story and story-telling skill exceeded our very high expectations. We provided a rewarding and memorable experience for our customers. Thank you very much, Aimée!”*"
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> **— Chief Marketing Officer, Guidewire Software**

> "*“Aimée was great! She gave a stellar performance – we ran short on time at the end and really left folks wanting more. I could listen to her all day and wish we could have. Thanks for everything.”*"
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> **— Lara Chatel Turbide, Acting Vice President, Community Services**

> "*“Aimée’s keynote was a huge success at our event! She was the closing keynote and received a standing ovation. Many people have continued to reach out to relay how inspiring she was and what an impact she made on them that continues to resonate. She did an excellent job at weaving our overall theme into her talk, as well as speaking to topics relayed by earlier speakers. Her presence, passion, honesty and vulnerability are the perfect combination that reaches out, grabs the crowd, and keeps them engaged. If you have the chance to book her or hear her speak – don’t miss the opportunity.”*"
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