

RJ Mitte

(Redirected from R.J. Mitte)

Roy Frank "RJ" Mitte III (/ˈmɪti/; born August 21, 1992)^[1] is an American actor, best known for playing Walter White Jr. on the AMC series *Breaking Bad* (2008–2013).^[2] Like his character on the show, he has cerebral palsy.^[2] After moving to Hollywood in 2006, he began training with a personal talent manager.^[3] They sought acting opportunities where his disability would serve to educate viewers, which led him to audition for the role in *Breaking Bad*.^[4]

Early life

Mitte was born in Jackson, Mississippi.^[5] He was delivered by emergency caesarean and was not breathing at the time of his birth, which resulted in permanent brain damage. He was adopted a few weeks later by Roy Frank Mitte Jr. and Dyna Mitte, who later separated. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of three, and doctors put his legs in casts for six months in an attempt to straighten his feet.^[6]

Mitte was fitted with leg braces and used crutches throughout most of his childhood; however, over time, his body became stronger through sports and exercise; he no longer needed any walking devices by his teenage years.^[7] In 2006, he moved with his family to Los Angeles, where his younger sister Lacianne Carriere had received an offer for a role in a film project.^{[8][9]}

Mitte was raised by his mother following the separation of his parents. After his mother became paralyzed, Mitte became financially responsible at age 13 for the family, which by then also included his sister who was born when he was 11 years old. As of 2015, he was still financially responsible for his mother and sister.^[10]

Career

After receiving several roles as an extra, including in the Disney series *Hannah Montana*,^[11] Mitte became interested in films and decided to take acting lessons. Shortly after, he was offered the role of Walter White Jr., a character who also has cerebral palsy, in the AMC series *Breaking Bad*.^[2] At the 2013 Media Access Awards, Mitte received the SAG-AFTRA Harold Russell Award for his portrayal of Walter White Jr. on the series and also presented the eponymous RJ Mitte Diversity Award to deaf actor Ryan Lane.^[12] The Screen Actors Guild named Mitte as the spokesman for actors with disabilities and he is the representative of Inclusion in the Arts and Media of Performers with Disabilities, which employs artists with disabilities.^[13]

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Mitte at the 2018 San Diego Comic-Con

Born	August 21, 1992 <div>Jackson, Mississippi, U.S.</div>
Occupations	Actor · film producer
Years active	2006–present
Partner	Kennedy Blaire (2022–present)

He starred in the short horror film *Stump* in 2011.^[14] That same year, he worked as executive producer of the documentary *Vanished: The Tara Calico Story*, about the disappearance of Tara Calico.^[15] Mitte was cast in the 2012 thriller film *House of Last Things*.

Mitte appeared in the 2013 music video for "Dead Bite" by rapcore band Hollywood Undead. He also appeared in the video for "If I Get High" by Nothing But Thieves in 2016. In January 2014, he began a recurring role on the ABC Family drama series *Switched at Birth* portraying Campbell, a premed student paralyzed from a snowboarding accident who uses a wheelchair.^[16]



RJ Mitte speaking at Texas A&M University–Commerce in April 2015

On 17 November 2015, Mitte was announced to be a presenter as part of British Channel 4's coverage of the 2016 Rio Summer Paralympics.^[17]

Activism

Mitte appeared on the cover of the February/March 2015 issue of *Neurology Now* (published by the American Academy of Neurology). The issue included a short biography and his views on cerebral palsy, bullying, and his acting career.^[18] He is also a celebrity ambassador for United Cerebral Palsy.^[19]

Modeling

Mitte modeled for a spring 2014 Gap ad campaign.^[20] Mitte walked the catwalk for Vivienne Westwood in June 2015.^[21]

Personal life

In October 2023, Mitte revealed he has been dating Kennedy Blaire since 2022.^[22]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2011	<i>Stump</i>		Short film
2013	<i>House of Last Things</i>	Tim	
2015	<i>Dixieland</i>	CJ	
2016	<i>Who's Driving Doug</i>	Doug	
2017	<i>The Recall</i>	Brendan	
2018	<i>Time Share</i>	Tom	
2018	<i>Retired Cupid</i>	RJ	Short film
2018	<i>Rivers Run Red</i>	Officer Thomas	
2019	<i>Standing Up for Sunny</i>	Travis	
2020	<i>Not a Game</i>	Self	Documentary
2020	<i>The Oak Room</i>	Steve	
2021	<i>Triumph</i>	Mike	Also executive producer ^[23]
2023	<i>The Unseen</i>	Tommy Olson	^[24]

Music videos

Year	Artist	Title	Role
2013	Hollywood Undead	"Dead Bite"	Child
2013	Steel Panther	"Party Like Tomorrow is the End of the World"	
2016	Nothing but Thieves	"If I Get High"	
2016	3 Doors Down	"In the Dark"	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2006	<i>Everybody Hates Chris</i>	Audience Member	Uncredited Episode: "Everybody Hates Elections"
2007	<i>Hannah Montana</i>	School Jock	Uncredited Episode: "Schooly Bully" ^[25]
2008– 2013	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	Walter "Flynn" White Jr.	53 episodes
2013	<i>Vegas</i>	Russ Auster	Episode: "Paiutes"

2014	<i>Switched at Birth</i>	Campbell Bingman	9 episodes
2016	<i>Robot Chicken</i>	Walter White Jr. (voice)	Episode: "Food" ^[26]
2017	<i>The Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls</i>	Participant	<u>Series 2</u>
2017	<i>Chance</i>	Patient at convention	Episode: "The Collected Works of William Shakespeare"
2018	<i>This Close</i>	Solomon	Episode: "Who We Are"
2019	<i>Now Apocalypse</i>	Leif	2 episodes
2022	<i>The Guardians of Justice</i>	Mind Master	

Awards and nominations

Year	Award	Category	Project	Result
2011	Screen Actors Guild Award	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	Nominated ^[27]
2012	Screen Actors Guild Award	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	Nominated ^[28]
2012	Young Artist Award	Best Performance in a TV Series – Recurring Young Actor 17–21	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	Nominated ^[29]
2013	Media Access Award	SAG-AFTRA <u>Harold Russell Award</u>	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	Awarded ^[12]
2013	Screen Actors Guild Award	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	Won ^[30]

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