

# **Selected Bibliography**

## **Deaf and Disability Art Practices**

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### **Introduction**

The artistic practices of Deaf and Disabled artists<sup>1</sup> play a crucial role in the dismantling of ableism, presenting alternative discourse in which disability is repositioned within broader social and cultural frameworks. These processes are widely recognized as the act of “cripping the arts”, whereby disability is seen as a creative entry point rather than a pathology.<sup>2</sup>

The following bibliography compiles various documents within Artexte’s collections related to Deaf and Disabled art practices, including exhibition catalogs and artists’ publications, as well as specialized periodicals and works of theory and critical thought.

While not exhaustive, this bibliography is intended to be a reference tool to provide further insight into Deaf and Disabled art practices. Moreover, it is our wish that the bibliography may shed light on certain gaps within Artexte’s collection, so it can ultimately strive towards a better representation of the wide range of practices emerging from these communities. To make suggestions for additions to this ongoing collection, please don't hesitate to contact us by writing to [collections@artexte.ca](mailto:collections@artexte.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> “This expression refers to people who identify as Deaf or disabled, people living with a disability, or functional limitations, people who are hard of hearing, deafened, deaf-blind, Usher deaf, neurodiverse or neuroatypical, people who have a cognitive or an intellectual disability, people with mental illness, or mental health issues, people who identify as mad, as having mixed abilities or as anything else not listed here” (Canada Council for the Arts, “Deaf and Disability Arts Practices -- Research Report” (2020), 8, <https://canadacouncil.ca/-/media/Files/CCA/Research/2021/02/Report.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> Eliza Chandler, “Introduction: Criping the Arts in Canada,” *Canadian Journal of Disability Studies* 8, no. 1 (2019): 3. <https://doi.org/10.15353/cjds.v8i1.468>.

Lastly, it is important to recognize that, as an able-bodied person in a position of white settler and middle-class privilege, the author cannot attest to the lived experiences of Deaf and Disabled people, nor articulate their full complexities.

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## Keywords and search terms

- Corps/body
- Handicap/disability
- Deaf\*/surdité/sourditude
- Crip\*
- Ableis
- Accessibilit\*
- Illness/sickness/maladie
- Mad\*/folie
- Physicality
- Embodiment
- Therap\*
- Patholog\*
- Care
- Sign language
- Barrier\*
- Mental health/santé mentale
- Médecine/medicine
- Chronic
- Healing

An asterisk (\*) placed at the end of a word isolates the root of a term and retrieves any variant endings. For example, patholog\* could fetch pathology, pathological, pathologize, etc.

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