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Saturday, January 28, 2017

Disability Arts NYC Convening

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Disability/Arts/NYC
Task Force

When: Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 1pm-4:30pm

Where: The New School, Starr Foundation Hall U L102, 63 Fifth Avenue (on the corner of 13th Street), New York, NY 10003



Accessibility: Our convening space and nearby bathrooms are wheelchair-accessible. We will provide ASL interpretation, CART, and audio description during the event. The venue is equipped with a Hearing Assistance System for those who would like to request a receiver. Our main meeting room is lit by a mixture of fluorescent and warm lights and other spaces we will use are lit by fluorescent lights. We ask that attendees refrain from wearing fragrances. We will not be able to provide child care for this event. You may request additional accommodations two weeks in advance of the event date by contacting Dance/NYC at 212.966.4452 (Voice only) or specialevents@dance.nyc.

In the last few months, a group of NYC-based artists, activists, and academics have formed the Disability/Arts/NYC Task Force. DANT is forming around a unique moment for disability arts and artistry. We are witnessing bold and brilliant artwork across genres and disciplines that take up disability as a profound aesthetic and analytic value. And yet, there are profound and persistent obstacles that limit the possibilities for disabled artists and artistry. DANT is in the process of naming this unique moment and developing a movement for disability arts to thrive in New York City.

As part of this ongoing work, we are hosting a groundbreaking convening that will bring together disabled artists, members of the broader arts community, and representatives from some of NYC's city agencies. We will use the convening to strengthen the coalition of disabled artists and allies while also beginning to craft a disability/arts platform for future policies and practices in NYC.

AGENDA

1:00 WELCOME

Mat Fraser | Actor, Writer, & Disability Artist

1:10 OPENING REMARKS

Simi Linton & Kevin Gotkin | Co-Directors, Disability/Arts/NYC Task Force
Dr. Stephanie Browner | Dean, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
Victor Calise | Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

1:25 SPEAKERS

Simi Linton | Co-Director of Disability/Arts/NYC Task Force

Artists' Spotlight: Ryan Haddad, Alice Sheppard, Liz Jackson, Sky Cubacub, Mat Fraser

Lane Harwell | Executive Director, Dance/NYC

Tom Finkelpearl | Commissioner, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs
Kevin Gotkin | Co-Director, Disability/Arts/NYC Task Force

Robert Sember | Assistant Professor, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts

2:15 BREAK

2:30 GROUP SESSIONS

3:15 GROUP REPORTS

Lawrence Carter-Long | Public Affairs, National Council on Disability

3:35 DISCUSSION

3:50 ARTISTS' SPOTLIGHT: Maleni Chaitoo, Sunaura Taylor, Mark Travis Rivera, Jerron Herman, Jessy Yates

4:00 FAREWELL & SOCIAL TIME

Simi Linton & Kevin Gotkin | Co-Directors, Disability/Arts/NYC Task Force

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