



SUBJECT MATTERS: THE ART OF DISABILITY CULTURE

Ruth's Table Gallery
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PRESS RELEASE



Ruth's Table is proud to present *Subject Matters: The Art of Disability Culture*. The exhibition is a continuation of *The Art of Disability Culture* exhibition hosted at RT last year and aims to expand the conversation by bringing together voices and perspectives across generations.

Subject Matters is an invitation to engage with the work of ten artists who identify as having a disability and expand our understanding of the local disability community. At the heart of this exhibition is a celebration of the diverse, personal, and infinitely varied “disability experience”, whether visible or invisible.

One in four people have a disability or will acquire one through age, and, although we have some important legal protections, prejudice, discrimination, and exclusion persist. This exhibition features artists and organizations whose work and practice provide a thought-provoking and powerful experience of our collective humanity and take us to a deep place of engagement, curiosity, and connection. Many artists have also become activists and use their practice to forward disability rights, justice, and inclusion.

Subject Matters: The Art of Disability Culture centers upon their creativity, vulnerability, and unique perspectives, and aims to create a safe space to reflect and experience the humanity of others and our own.

We invite you to spend time with the artwork and leave with a new insight into the power of disability culture to strengthen our communities through the practices of interdependence, accessibility, and inclusion.

Artists

Kat Chudy, Kellie Gillespie, Susan Janow (Creative Growth), Catherine Lecce-Chong, Dan Miller (Creative Growth), Bird Sellergren, Rachel Ungerer, Ron Veasey (Creative Growth), Jen White Johnson, Alice Wingwall

Ruth's Table Art Center

Ruth's Table is a valued ally in the work of inclusion and participation for individuals with disabilities of all ages. Located in the heart of SF's Mission District, RT fosters social connections through a dynamic offering of community arts education and rotating exhibitions.

Artwork Credit

Susan Janow, Untitled, 2013. Ink on paper. 15" x 22.5. Courtesy of the artist and Creative Growth.

Acknowledgements

Subject Matters: The Art of Disability Culture is the second installment of the exhibition hosted at RT in Spring 2022 and organized in partnership with Palo Alto Art Center and curator Fran Osborne. Grateful thanks to all the artists and partners for making this exhibition possible.

Access Features

The exhibition includes visual descriptions of each artwork. Audio descriptions are available via QR codes on the wall labels. Exhibition materials are also available in Braille and large print. All related events have American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, live captioning, and online components. Ruth's Table and its outdoor space are wheelchair accessible.

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