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Chicago Disability Activism, Arts, and Design: 1970s to Today

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Join us in celebrating the opening of “Chicago Disability Activism, Arts, and Design: 1970s to Today” at Gallery 400 on Friday, September 14 from 5:00-8:00pm. The exhibition will run until October 20.

The reception is free and open to all. See more about the exhibition at gallery400.com .

“Chicago Disability Activism, Arts, and Design: 1970s to Today” explores how disabled artists and designers in Chicago were integral to the development of a local and national disability rights movement, creating radical change for more than one fifth of the US population, as well as for all of American society, and influencing lasting transformation in the visual art and design fields.

Through artworks, oral histories, documents, and other ephemera, the exhibition will tell the stories of Chicagoans with disabilities and their allies who broke barriers, created change in policy and federal law, and changed culture at a time when the reality of life for many disabled people was the restrictions imposed by institutionalization and segregation.

The exhibition, which spans historical to contemporary, will include work by: Dawoud Bey, Winnifred Birts and Kenneth Willaims, Jude Conlon, Sky Cubacub, Susan Dupor, Terence Karpowitz, Stephen Lapthisophon, Riva Lehrer, Tom Olin, Hollis Sigler, Andy Slater, Barak adé Soleil, Anna Stonum, and Sandie Yi.

With contributions from Todd Bauer, playwright; Jack Catlin, architect; Mike Ervin, playwright, author; Kris Lenzo, dancer; Susan Nussbaum, playwright; author, Bill Shannon, dancer; Alana Wallace, dancer

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