

## ART IS JUSTICE

### P Carl on the power of curation

P Carl uses curation to help people connect and have real conversations. "I really love programming with the idea that everyone belongs."

This video is part of the #ArtIsJustice series. Throughout U.S. history, artists and cultural leaders have been at the forefront of social change. Today, in the face of growing intolerance and widening inequality, artists stand up to these injustices, reminding us all that Art IS Justice.

#### **Transcript begins.**

[The words "Art is" appear, followed by scrolling words...Empathy, Perspective, Hope, Change, Beauty...it stops at Political. Art Is Political.]

[A live theater event shows multiple time lapse videos of Afghanistan War veteran interviews. Live actors perform in front of the video projections of soldiers and civilians in Afghanistan.]

**P Carl, theater director and cultural organizer:** Art has to be connected to the questions of our everyday life and the politics of the world. I really love programming with the idea that everyone belongs. For me, I didn't start there and when I started curating that way, what I thought mattered really changed. We're living in this incredible moment of discrimination in our country. We're living in terrible misogyny. I'm always trying to think about, like, what kind of stories can we tell that everyone will feel the invitation that they can come? And how do we create platforms where everyone's invited into the conversation? That, for me, is the really nuanced and difficult work of being a good curator, being a good artist.

[A performer stands behind a laptop on stage and plays the trumpet as dancers with disabilities perform. A man in a wheelchair performs a choreographed dance with a woman. A woman with an arm amputation at her elbow dances with other performers.]

We're at a time when we have to find language and objects and beauty to connect us to each other. That's what art has the power to do in a way that politics in and of itself can't do.

[The words "Art is" appear, followed by scrolling words...Political, Expression, Change, Creativity, Healing...it stops at Justice. Hashtag Art Is Justice. Agree? Share this video.]

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