

Ann Carlson
The Symphonic Body/In Memory
(all virtual engagement)

For videos, photos, and more information about Ann Carlson's *The Symphonic Body*:
<http://www.elsiemer.org/artist-roster/ann-carlson/>
<http://elsiemer.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/The-Symphonic-Body-descript-June-2020.pdf>

Renowned for her live performance works emerging from deep engagement with the land, people, animals, and those histories, Ann Carlson is available to build her work of social sculpture, *The Symphonic Body*, as a potential method for joining together in memory of those lost to Covid-19.

Through a process of collecting individual gestures to build a collective online gestural "quilt", *The Symphonic Body/In Memory* serves as a location for the grief, remembering, love, and lifting up of lives lost to this virus.

Each participant meets one on one with Carlson (virtually) to build a gestural portrait based on the movements remembered of their loved one. Tracing the impact of each loss, Carlson invites others that knew each loved one to contribute gestural memories, each participant learning the gestures of others that knew them, and on and on.

A culminating online performance of this gestural "quilt" could remain small, remaining as a discreet memorial within the family. Or, *The Symphonic Body/In Memory* could be a public streaming event, reflecting the connectedness within a community deeply impacted by Covid-19.

Presentation length: 10 - 45 minutes
Advance time required: 2 weeks - 3 months



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