

Audio Transcript: I Am Eleanor Kipping

[lo-fi ambient music]

Eleanor Kipping:

I'm Eleanor Kipping. I am an interdisciplinary artist working at the intersections of performance, installation, and video. My work explores the experience of the Black body in the American diaspora through the examination and deconstruction of historical and contemporary narratives. I am interested in the public, private, and civic negotiations of race and gender, as well as the body's relationship to land and other living beings.

[music soars with emotion]

My *Open Call* commission is a solo performance that uses monologue and moving imagery to examine the AIDS pandemic through the lens of my own experiences as a Black queer person living and loving in New York City as well as the life of my father and his untimely death to AIDS-related complications. It asks viewers to reconsider their understanding of transmission and the body as a conduit of disease.