ON DISPLAY...is everything I want from a work of art: It is thoughtful and makes you think. It provokes reflection. It is full of spirit. It is full of beauty. It is inclusive. And it takes you deep inside your self even as it expands the world around you.
— David Henry, Bill T. Jones Director of Performing and Media Arts Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston

2018 COMMON MOMENT

ON DISPLAY
An installation with Heidi Latsky and first-year students

Friday, August 31 at 7pm on Andrus Field

Followed by a fire dancing performance by the student group Prometheus.

Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to observe.

On August 31, Wesleyan’s Center for the Arts’ Common Moment invites first-year students to come together in a collective, creative experience as the Class of 2022.

This year, students will partner with choreographer Heidi Latsky to create her installation ON DISPLAY on Andrus Field.

A deconstructed art exhibit/fashion show, ON DISPLAY is a commentary on the body as spectacle and on society’s obsession with body image. At its most concrete, ON DISPLAY is a human sculpture gallery bound by simple performance rules. More deeply, ON DISPLAY dares us to explore the idea of the gaze through a meditative, playful, embodied inquiry. In the installation, we are challenged to be in our simplest state, to commit to the exercise without judgment, to trust both our individuality and the group, and to experience profoundly the act of seeing and being seen.

Heidi Latsky Dance is a movement company keenly interested in issues central to the disability community. Latsky writes, “Reverting the gaze is integral to disability culture. In this installation, the performers have the power to choose what they do or do not reveal, giving them control over a personal journey that cannot help but be affected by an audience. The tenuous and complex relationship between viewer and viewed that exists in performative work also permeates everyday life for people who are different in some physical way, and hence draw attention to themselves whether they wish to or not.”

Watch some videos:
https://vimeo.com/190253688
https://www.pbs.org/video/dance-able-5nozbw/

See more ON DISPLAY images:
http://heidilatskydance.org/ondisplaymedia/