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Beauty of Disability - Program Note

The Beauty of Disability honors the work and words of Judith Heumann and reminds us “disability is a family that you can join at any point in your life.” The vocal line begins determined and inviting but develops into an inspirational power, weaving together text from an interview between Joyce and Heumann with contributions from writer Marco Grosse. The piano anchors the ensemble with undulating cells upon which sparkling figures emerge, eventually driving into urgent textures to support the text’s call to action, “won’t you come join at any time?”