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## **Weakness - Program Note**

Weakness is a selection from *Perspective*, an ongoing project featuring disabled interviewees responding to what access, care, interdependence, and more mean to them. The project stemmed from a conversation with disability activist Judith Heumann, who asked why I refer to my left hand as “weak.” I have an impaired left hand from a previous car accident, and this question motivated rethinking weakness and further terms, asking what these terms mean to interviewees across a range of disabilities, experiences, and more.

The interviewees' responses are featured aurally (voices overheard and musical accompaniment) and visually (open-caption videos) to underscore accessibility and multiple sensory inputs to the work. The project was released as an album in October 2022 on New Amsterdam Records, in celebration of Disability Employment Awareness Month. It was praised by *Pitchfork* as “a powerful work of love and empathy that underscores the poison of ableism in American culture.”