



Helen Rae: A woman who speaks through her art - Transcribed from a video

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This Californian's work has been displayed all over the world. But she is unlike most other artists in two respects.



Subtitle: She's now been shown in Paris. She's been collected all over the world.

Meet 80-year-old Helen. Instead of a studio, she draws at a community arts centre.

Paige Wery: "when someone's been drawing for 30 years, and this is almost her sole comm, of course it reflects on her and her fantasies and what she's thinking about."

Subtitle: Helen was born deaf, and with developmental disabilities that left her unable to speak.

Paige Wery: "she would look through fashion magazines and pick her favorite pieces and then do her own version of that ad or that layout. It might be a fantasy of hers to be wearing those couture clothes and putting herself into these wonderful fantastical places. "of course it reflects on her and her fantasies and what she's thinking about."

Subtitle: Three years ago, Helen had her first solo exhibit in Los Angeles.

Paige Wery: "She kind of looks like one of her models when she comes to the openings. She's wearing brooches, pearls, and things in her hair."