

Puppies Puppies (Jade Kuriki Olivo) is a conceptual, performance and installation artist. Her work often draws on found objects and shared experiences to explore love, mortality, power relations and states of being.

In *BODY FLUID (BLOOD)*, Puppies Puppies considers blood as a liquid that unites us all while exploring the complexities of our inner workings. The exhibition is formed around a constellation of issues and themes: the artist's family connections and influences, what it means to share and give blood, and what blood may carry or transmit.

The exhibition is activated by encounters and procedures. On-site HIV testing is offered in a private consultation room within the exhibition space, in collaboration with Saskatoon Sexual Health. Through this presence, testing can be de-stigmatized while raising awareness of HIV prevention, care and community resources.

As a child, Puppies Puppies saw both of her parents donate blood. She wanted to do the same when she got older, but has not been able to under the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. As a member of the queer community, Puppies Puppies acknowledges the personal and political sensitivity around eligibility. The artist encourages donation as a vital and generous act, while also promoting discussion around criteria and risk factors.

In partnership with Canadian Blood Services, transportation from the museum to a blood donation centre is offered every Saturday at 11 AM for the duration of the exhibition. Guests who visit the donation centre on their own are encouraged to donate blood under the code BODY175600. Those who may not be eligible to donate, or who choose not to, are invited to participate in the project by accompanying or supporting an eligible donor.

To register for a seat on the bus, visit remainmodern.org or inquire at the museum's front desk.

HIV testing will be offered in the gallery on the following dates, from 1-4 PM: Saturday, September 21

Saturday, October 12

Saturday, November 2

Saturday, November 16

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Canadian Blood Services, Saskatoon Sexual Health, OUTSaskatoon, AIDS Saskatoon and Persons Living with AIDS Network of Saskatchewan.

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