

CENTRE FOR SENSORY STUDIES



TALKING SENSE SEMINAR

Human Plus: Orchestra of the Senses

Thursday 11 February 2021

12:00-14:00, [Zoom link](#)

“There’s a whole new level of sensation waiting for you to discover. Take hold ... science is opening up a new world of sensory possibilities.” So goes the blurb for a new documentary series from TV Ontario called “Human Plus.” This sort of triumphalism is very common in science journalism. Is it warranted? How else could or should we regard this technologization of sensation? Were we using our senses to the fullest even before science? These are the sorts of questions we would like to explore in a series of three Talking Sense seminars dedicated to the examination of select episodes of the Human Plus series. You are asked to watch the video on your own time and then attend the seminar at which it is to be discussed. The conversation will be animated by Geneviève Sicotte and David Howes. Each seminar will last one hour.

Link to the [TVO Human Plus documentary series](#).

Orchestra of the Senses: Sight, touch, hearing, taste, and smell send sensory messages to the brain at a speed of 430km/hr. The two cerebral hemispheres deal with 11 million information signals per second -an imperceptible and continual effort. This continual flow of information is sorted and analyzed by the brain, which directs the senses, organizes them, and improves them without any technological intervention.

Link to the [episode](#).

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