

Nanopublication – Christine Borland's art probed forensic science and medicine's history, cut short at 60

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This is a biographical obituary reporting Christine Borland's career, awards, and death – it recounts what she did and when, not any argument about how ideas take form, cross media, or reach receivers, so the framework's machinery (codex, invariant, ouverture, diffraction) has nothing to grip or break against.

DECLINED – NO-PURCHASE [1]

PROPOSITIONAL GRID [2]

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Overall verdict: DECLINED:no-purchase – taxonomy of the August 2026 pass, predating the move to relational verdicts. Kept as metadata: the gap between the two forms is data, not residue. This reading’s judgement is in the grid above.

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FIRST PASS – KEPT AS WRITTEN

Reading produced by the T50 RSS pass, before the boundary lens. It is reproduced UNCORRECTED. Keeping it is the point: without it, a changed title is just a changed title – with it, what the second pass refused becomes legible.

Borland's practice exemplifies art as EPISTEMIC CODEX. The manifesto states: 'Art as epistemic practice: artworks produce knowledge, not just aesthetic experience.' Borland's systematic research into forensic science, medical history, and genetics was not illustration

of pre-existing knowledge – it was *emission through constraint*. Her codex was methodological rigor borrowed from science but applied to aesthetic form. The work produced diffraction in the receiver: the viewer encountered scientific knowledge not as data but as *transformed through artistic ouverture* – visual, spatial, temporal. Her death marks the loss of a particular codex: a singular logic of how to make scientific constraint generative of aesthetic and epistemic meaning. This is not metaphorical – her work literally produced new understanding in those who received it, because the codex (her systematic method) shaped what could be seen and known.

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