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- Body Art
  - Living sculptures of live human models
  - Yves Klein (1928, France)

“Anthropometries of the Blue Period” (1960)

“Leap into the Void” (1960)
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• Performance Art
  – Nam Jun Paik’s interpretation of LaMonte Young’s “Composition 1960 No. 10” (”draw a straight line and follow it”)

“Zen for Head”
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• Performance/Body Art
  – Joseph Beuys (1921, Germany)
    • Social sculpture

“How to Explain Paintings to a Dead Hare” (1965) - a three-hour discussion between the artist and a dead hare
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• Performance/ Body Art
  – Bruce Nauman (1941): if an artist is in his studio, whatever he does must be art

"Playing a Note on the Violin While I Walk Around the Studio" (1968): video of the artist playing violin in his studio
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• Body Art
  – Yayoi Kusama (Japan, 1929)
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• Body Art
  – Günter Brus (1938, Austria)

"Kunst und Revolution" (1968):
The artist urinates into a glass, cover his body in his own excrement, drinks his own urine, sings the Austrian National Anthem while masturbating.
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• Body Art
  – Carolee Schneemann (1939)
  • The artist’s naked body is an artwork

“Eye Body” (1963): The artist covers her body in grease, chalk and plastic in a chaotic dilapidated loft
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• Body Art
  – Carolee Schneemann (1939)


"Chromelodeon" (1963)
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• Body Art
  – Carolee Schneemann (1939)

“Meat Joy” (1964): eight naked people dancing and playing found objects
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- Performance/ body/ feminist Art
  - Valie Export (1940, Austria) "Action Pants: Genital Panic" (1969)
  - Carrying a gun and wearing pants with a large hole at the crotch exposing her genitals, a woman enters a theater where a porno movie is being shown and demands that the spectators have sex with her instead of watching the movie.
  - "Tap and Touch Cinema" (1968) Note: naked breast inside
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• Body Art
  – Bruce Nauman (1941)

“Self Portrait as a Fountain” (1966)
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