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#### ABOUT THE ARTWORK

82 REFLECTIONS IS A LIVE STREAMING DIGITAL AUDIO-VISUAL EXPERIENCE SHAPED BY AND IN RESPONSE TO DEEP SOCIAL DISRUPTION CAUSED BY PANDEMIC. ONGOING DEMANDS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. AND THE UNCERTAINTY, FEAR AND HOPE THESE CONCURRENT TRAGEDIES ELICIT. 82 REFLECTIONS IS A PIECE OF PANDEMIC ART. TO COLLECT MATERIALS FOR THIS ART THE ARTIST EMPLOYED A SOCIALLY DISTANT DOCUMENTATION PRACTICE FACUSED ON THE ANGAING DEMAND FOR AN END TO SYSTEMIC RACISM AND WHITE SUPREMACY IN HIS COMMUNITY OF DOWNTOWN DALLAS. TEXAS. AUDIO RECORDINGS. DIGITAL IMAGES. AND DIGITAL VIDEO WERE COLLECTED BETWEEN MAY AND OCTOBER 2020. THE ARTIST COLLECTED THESE MATERIALS IN A SOCIALLY DISTANT MANNER DUE TO HIS CHRONIC LUNG CONDITIONS AND RISK FOR CONTRACTING COVIDIA. THE ARTIST THEN CONSTRUCTED A SMALL SCULPTURE WITH HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SMALL REFLECTIVE SURFACES. TRAINING A LO-FI WEBCAM ONTO THE SCULPTURE, MATERIALS CAPTURED BY LIVE VIDEO WEB STREAM ARE GLITCHED, REFLECTED, AND LOOPED, AS SYMBOLIC OF COMPLETE DISRUPTION, UNCERTAINTY, AND MISUNDERSTANDING AS A STARTING POINT FOR DIFFICULT TRANSFORMATION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. VIDEO PROJECTIONS REFLECT FROM THE SCULPTURE CREATE AMBIENT LIGHTING AND PATTERNS THAT SYMBOLIZE THE BRINGING DOWN OF BARRIERS TO CHANGE-MAKING DIALOGUE AND ACTION. THEY FURTHER SIGNIFY THAT DIFFICULT DIALOGUE HAS OCCURRED AND PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. BUT MORE IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE POSITIVE SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE. GLITCHED. REFLECTED. AND LOOPED AUDIO OF 82 RECORDINGS OF PROTESTORS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE ARTIST, AND MATERIALS WITHIN THE SCULPTURE CREATE INSTABILITY. A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION ON DIFFICULT AND TRANSFORMATIONAL RACIAL DIALOGUE ESPECIALLY DIRECTED TO WHITE AMERICANS. THE WORK IS SITUATED WITHIN AN EMERGENT ARTISTIC MOVEMENT, PANDEMIC ART, CREATED IN RESPONSE TO COVIDIA AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS. PANDEMIC ART IS CREATED THROUGH IMPROVISATION WITH READILY AVAILABLE MATERIALS THAT ARE SAFE. PRACTICAL, AND FEASIBLE.





82 REFLECTIONS IS A WINDOW INTO CHAOS, A WINDOW INTO CACOPHONY.
THIS ART IS ABOUT BEING ROBBED OF THE FREEDOM TO TAKE YOUR BODY
ONTO THE STREETS TO PROTEST AGAINST SYSTEMIC RACISM AND WHITE
SUPREMACY.





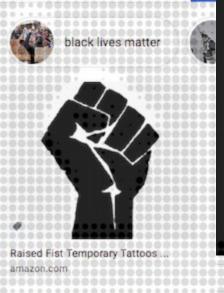




THIS ART IS ABOUT HEARING THE COLLECTIVE VOICES OF PROTESTORS EVERY DAY FOR NEARLY FIVE MONTHS, RECORDING THEM, MULTIPLYING THEM.



THIS ART IS ABOUT GETTING CLOSE TO THE PROTESTORS, ONCE, ON STREET LEVEL, TO SHOW THEM I'M LISTENING AND THAT I'M INVESTED AND THAT I AM WITH THEM.





The History Behind the Clenched Fist rd.com





















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## HIS ART IS ABOUT RAISING A FUCKING!

ST AND POWER TO THE PEOPLE.



















What does a raised fist mean in 2020



This art is about wearing a mask











THIS ART IS INFORMED BY SIMON PENNY WHO OBSERVES THAT ENVIRONMENTS EMBODY THINKING AND CONDITION POSSIBILITIES.<sup>2</sup>

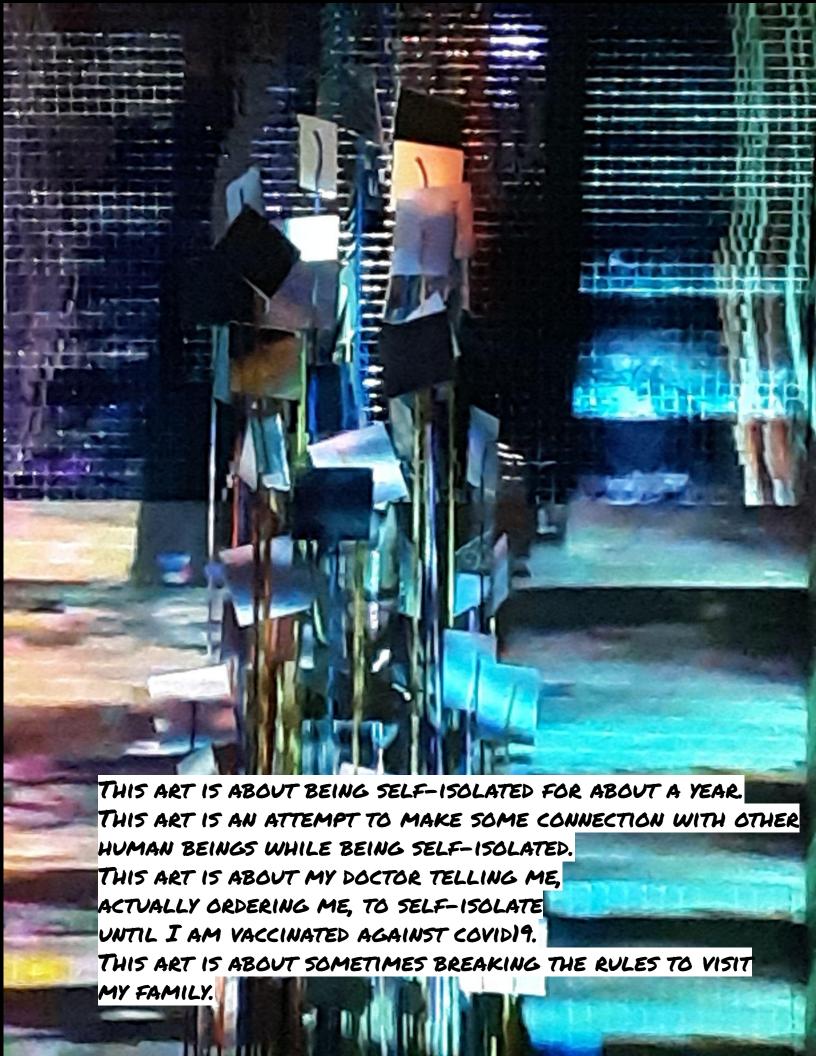


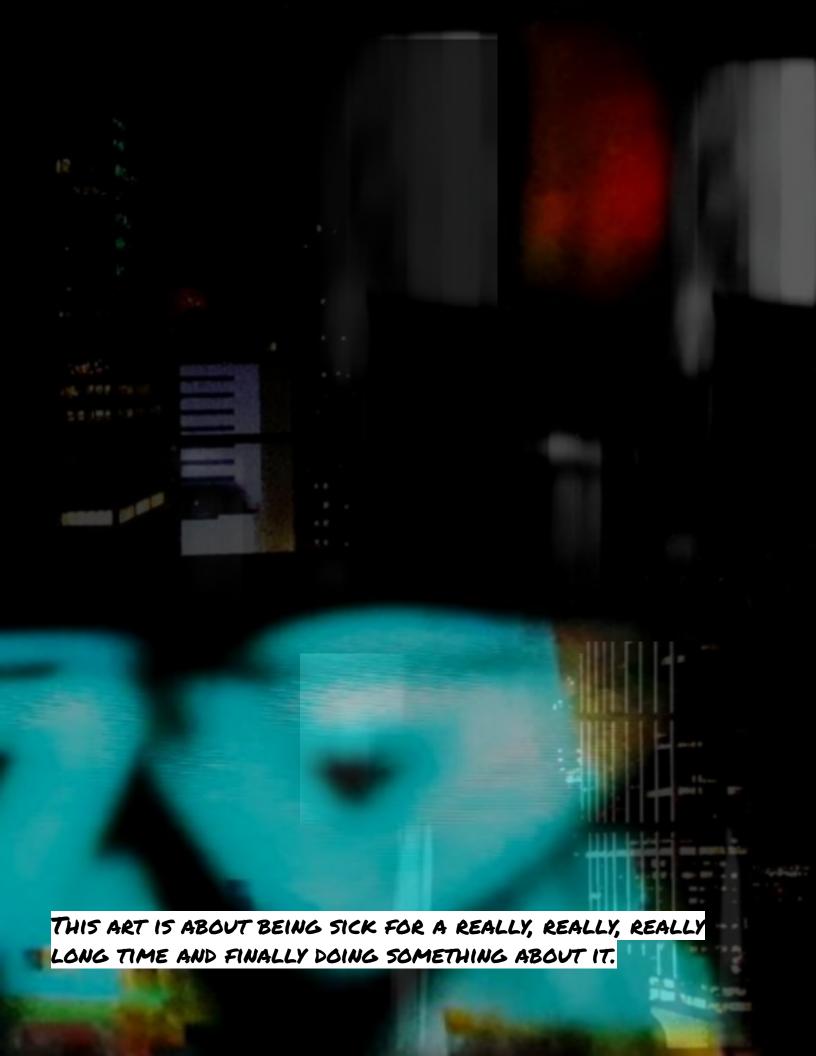
THIS ART IS ABOUT DOWNTOWN, DALLAS, MY NEIGHBORHOOD, MY PEOPLE.
POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

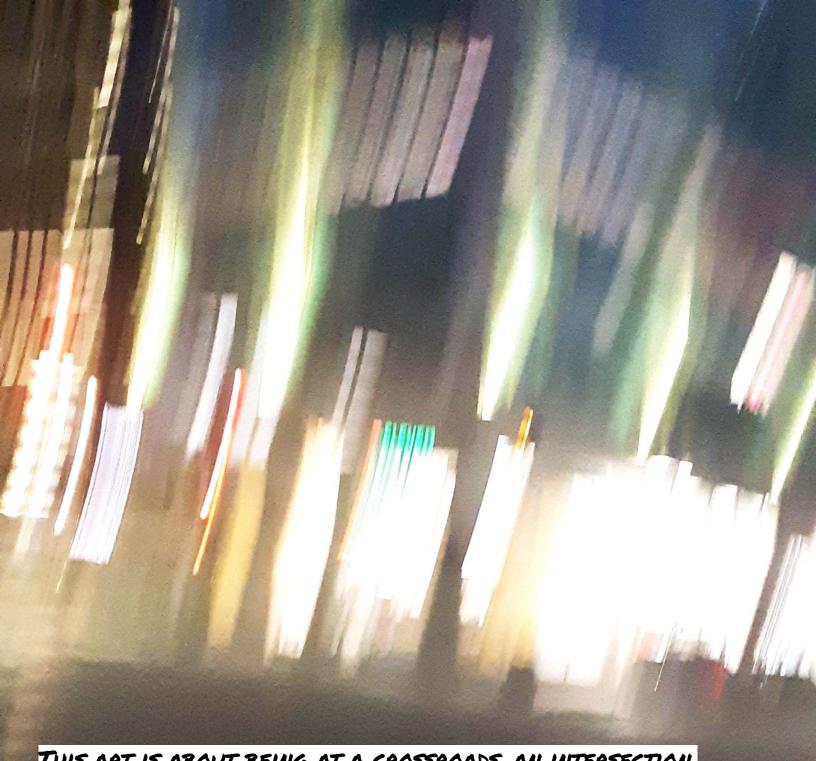


This art is about Botham Jean Boulevard.









THIS ART IS ABOUT BEING AT A CROSSROADS, AN INTERSECTION.

MANY PROTESTS PASSED ON THE INTERSECTIONS BELOW MY APARTMENT.

THIS ART IS ABOUT COLLECTING, RECORDING, MANIPULATING, PRESERVING,

AND LIVE STREAMING IT IN PERPETUITY. FOREVER.

POWER TO THE FUCKIN PEOPLE.





This art is about 73,541,516 people who voted for a fascist. This art is about 73,541,516 people that we need to be in conversation with.



THIS ART IS ABOUT READING THE NAMES OF BLACK PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY COPS AND STOPPING BECAUSE IT'S TOO FUCKIN MANY AND I CAN'T READ ANY MORE BECAUSE I AM CRYING.



"HOW MANY? TOO FUCKIN MANY."



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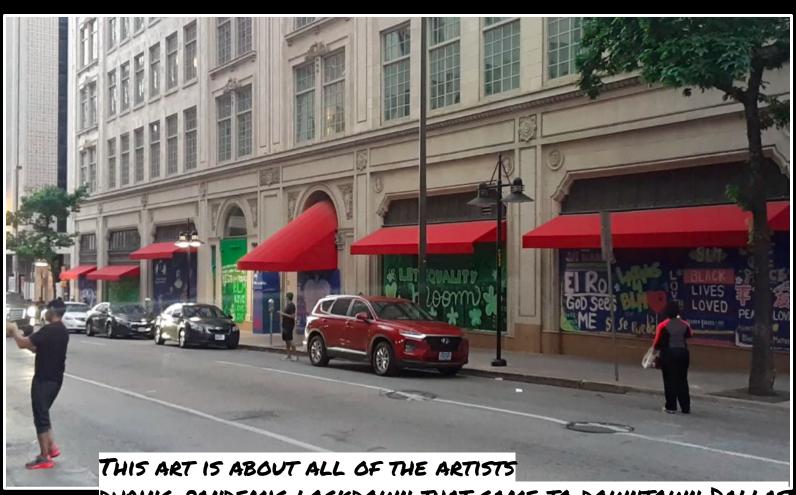
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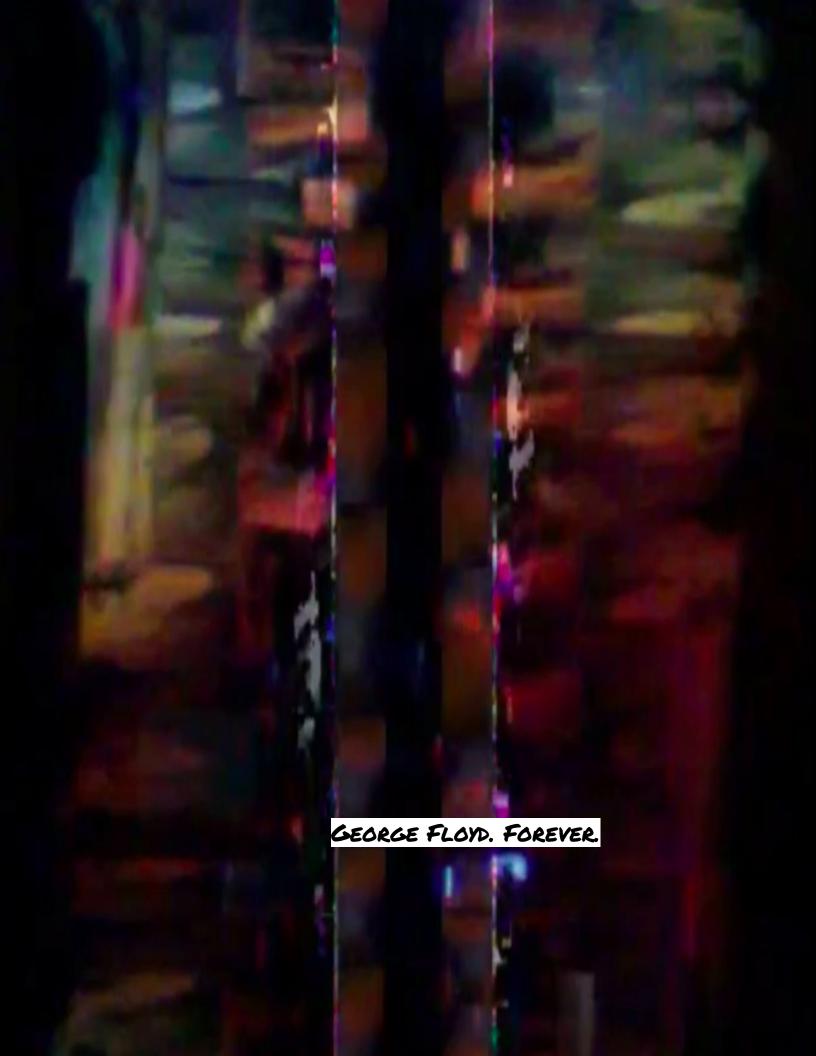
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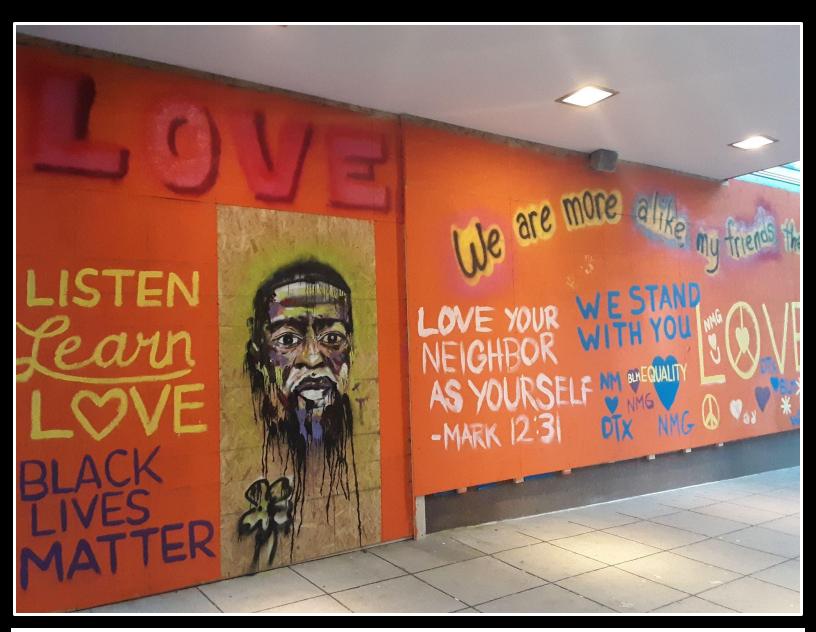


DURING PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN THAT CAME TO DOWNTOWN DALLAS AFTER THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD TO MAKE ART IN SOLIDARITY.

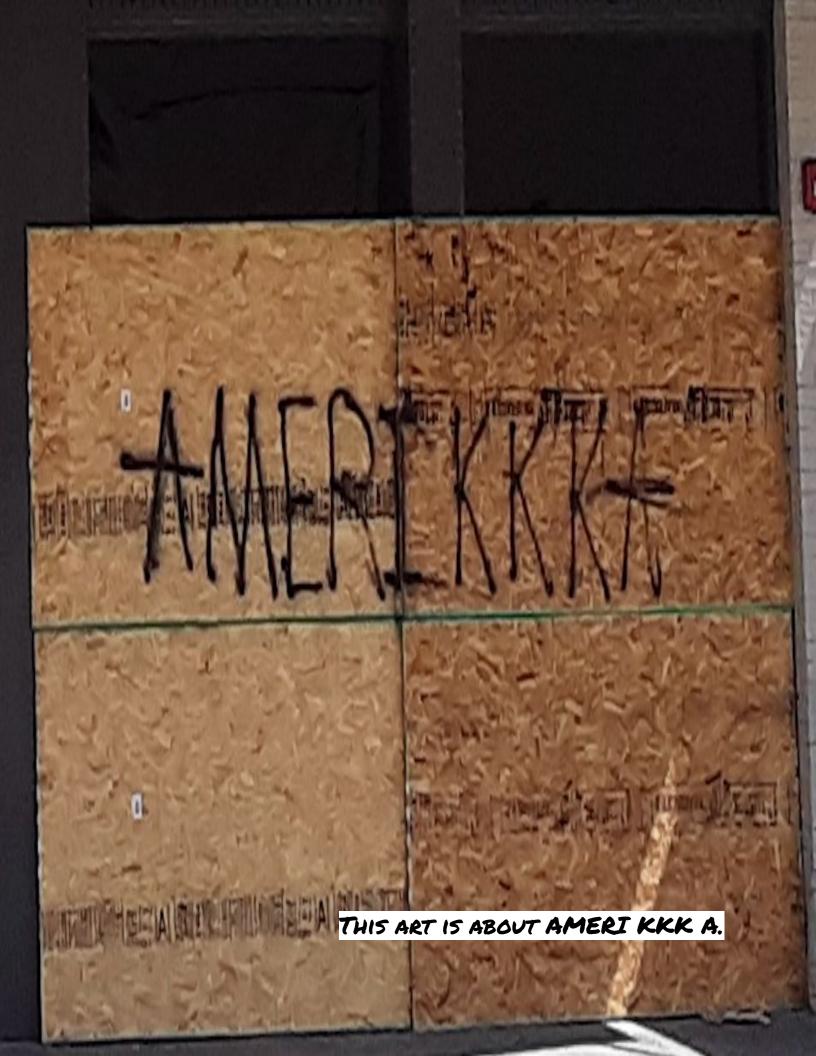
This art is a live stream for George Floyd.

Forever.





THIS ART IS ABOUT ALL OF THE UPLIFTING MESSAGES ON STREET ARTWORK.







This art is about panic,

The panic I feel when I hear the police

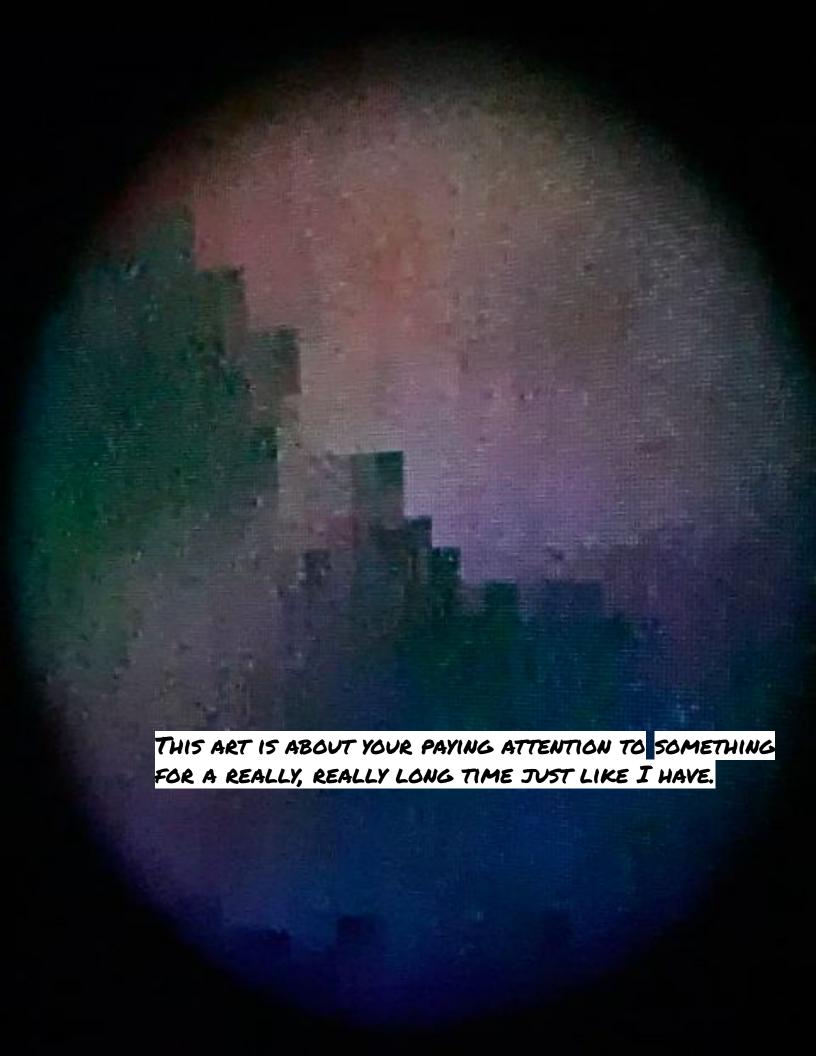
Shooting rubber bullets and tear gas.

The panic I feel when I hear glass

Breaking or tires screeching or

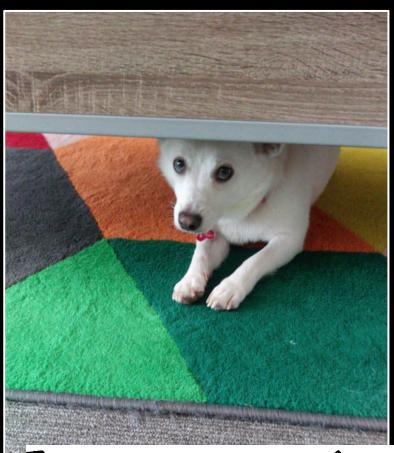
Helicopters above or all of that

Together.



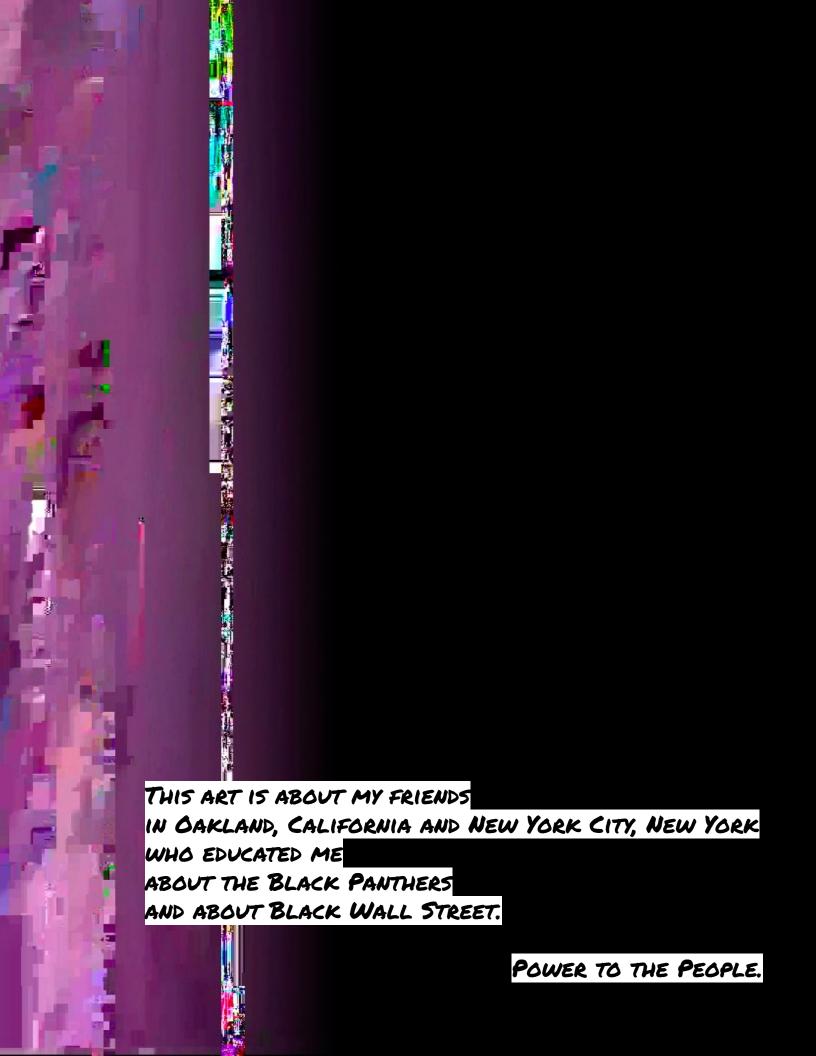






THIS ART IS ABOUT MY DOG, OKAMI,
WHO FELT EVERYTHING GOING ON AROUND HIM,
PROTESTS AND ALL, AND BARKED ALOT.
HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON.
HE FELT IT. HE KNOWS.

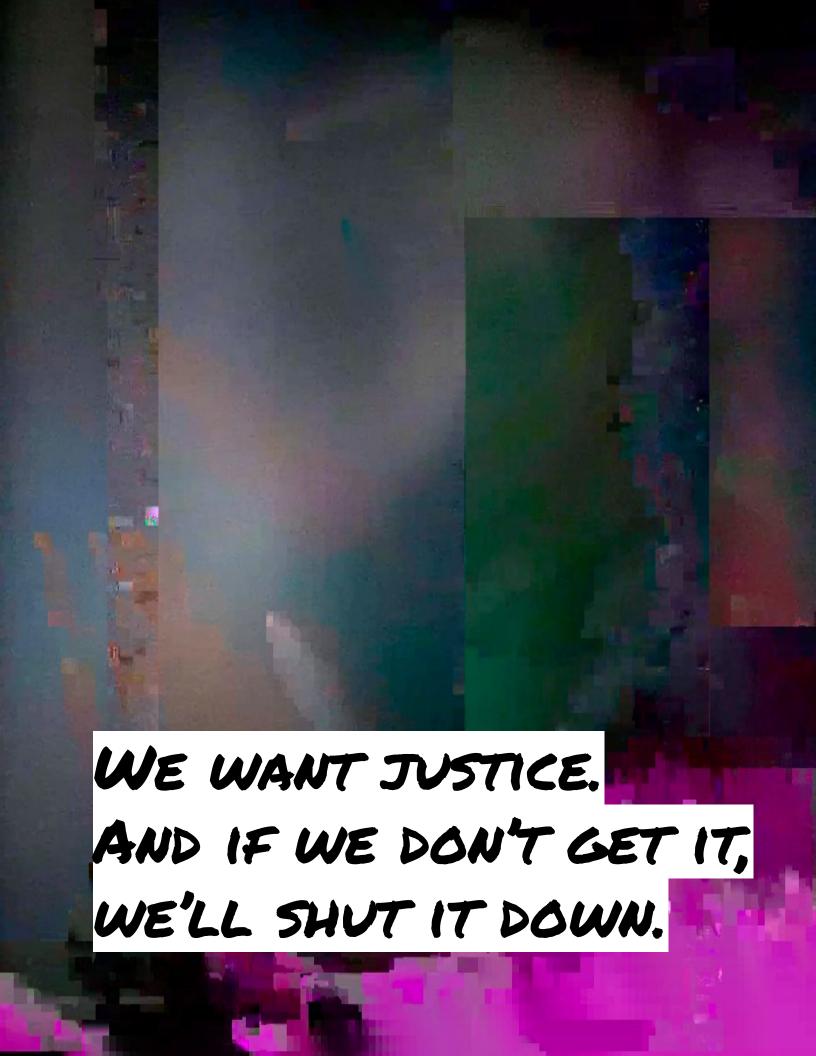


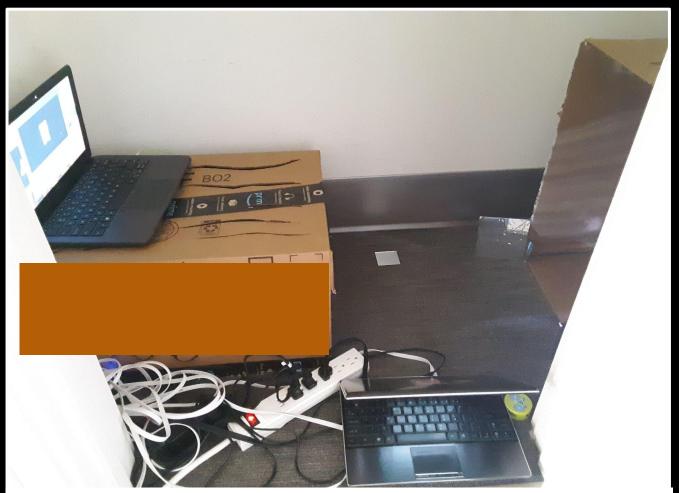




THIS ART IS ABOUT MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE, A QUEEN, IMMIGRANT, WOMAN OF COLOR





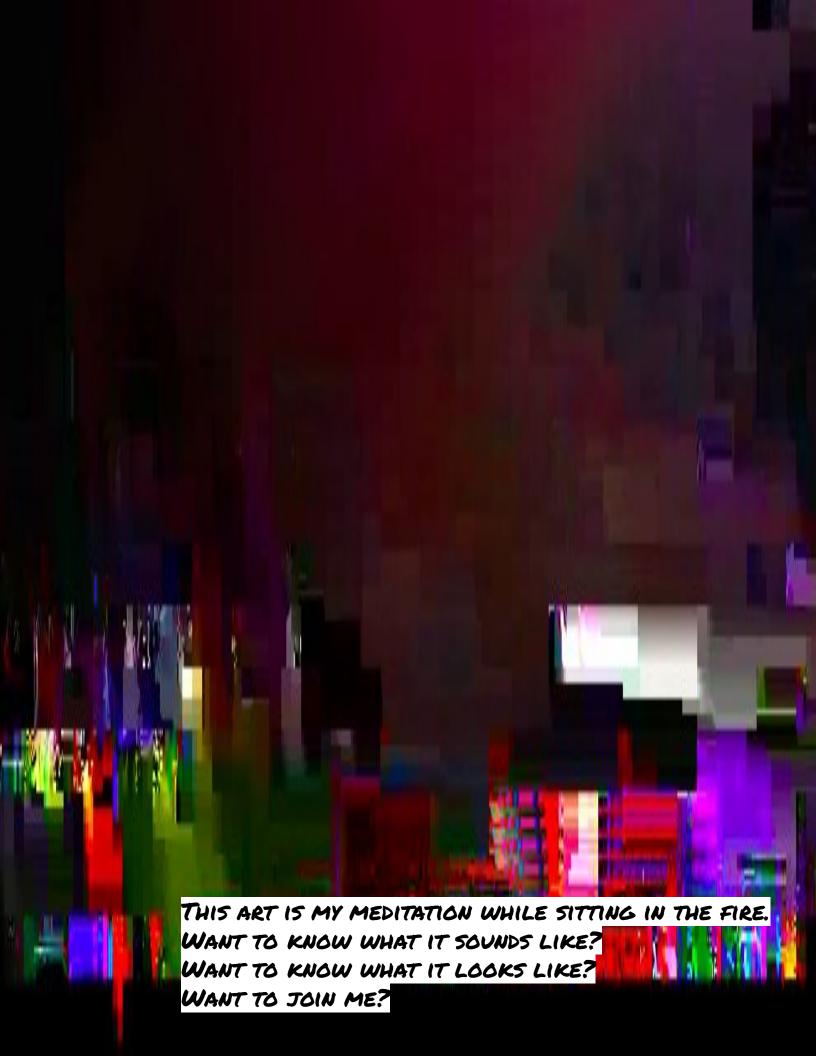


This art is about hearing the Dallas police very clearly,
Their voice amplified, over a mass of thousands of protestors.
They want us to go home but we won't go home.
And even if we're self isolated in an apartment for a year
we're gonna do this shit anyway.



This art is about the black police officers in the Dallas Police Department. Brothers, sisters, working to change things from the inside.

THIS ART IS ABOUT OPENING A WINDOW: EVERY DAY FOR 82 SOME ODD DAYS. THIS ART IS ABOUT CLOSING THE SAME WINDOW: EVERY DAY FOR 82 SOME ODD DAYS. THIS ART IS ABOUT GOING TO THE WINDOW EVERY DAY FOR 82 SOME ODD DAYS TO LISTEN. THIS ART IS ABOUT LETTING THE CHAOS IN AND GETTING COMFY WITH IT.







IN THE NEIMAN MARCUS BUILDING

in downtown Dallas,

THERE FOR AN ENTIRE SUMMER **ZOZO**, WITH A CAPTION "IMAGINE YOURSELF SOMEWHERE ELSE".



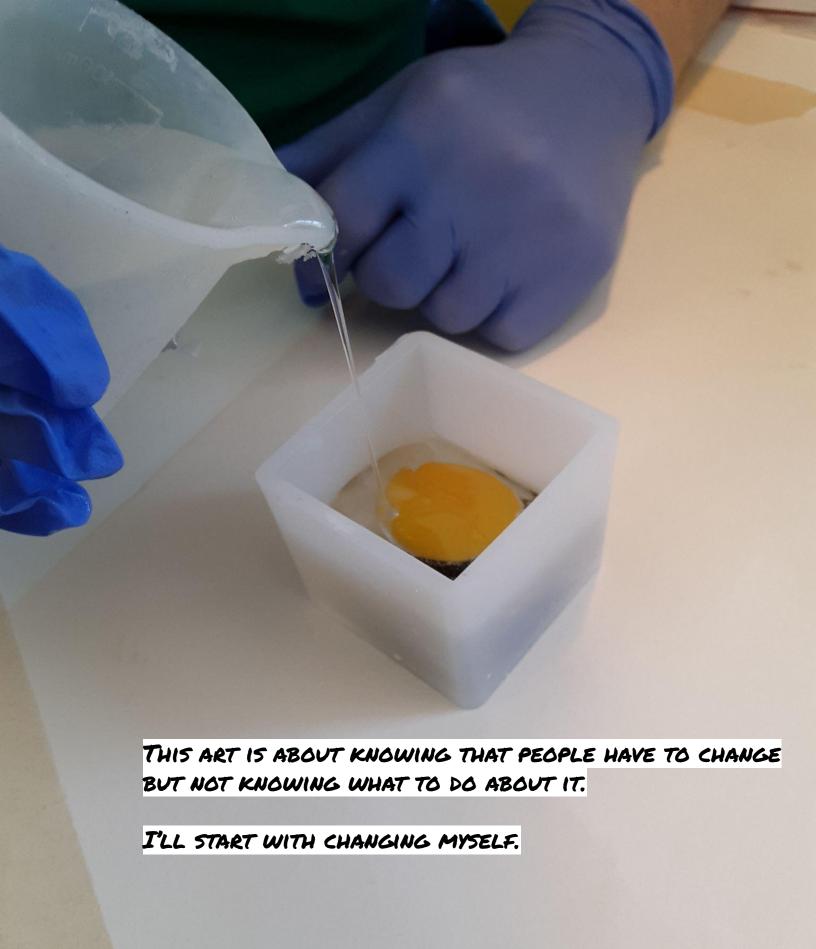




THIS ART 15 ABOUT THE OTHER AMERICA.3 THE OTHER AMERICA THAT STILL EXISTS.

THIS ART IS ABOUT FEELING PROGRESSIVELY COMFORTABLE WITH DISCOMFORT, BUT REMEMBERING WHEN I WASN'T.

This art is about being locked in an apartment with your emotions and needing something to do with them that isn't self destructive.





Visual -> Rothko -> Marker Kandinsky Awal Cage -> Bertoia -> Hardman Sculptual Fuller - Calder - Lebbeus Woods · freejazz -> ort punk · conceptual sculpture -s interactive sculpture · abstract painting - animated painting · conceptual art - popart - land art · body art -> body in art - Sonic rhythm -> visual rhythm L rhythm -> color hacking · technology hacking -> experience · found object oft -> collage virtual space -> public space

THIS ART IS ABOUT WRITING IT DOWN FOR YOU.

This art is about surviving it.

THIS ART IS ABOUT DOING SOCIAL JUSTICE AS A WHITE PERSON. NOT JUST SAYING THAT YOU ARE DOING SOCIAL JUSTICE. DOING IT. NOT JUST TWEETING IT. NOT JUST FACEBOOK LIKING IT. NOT JUST INSTAGRAMING IT. DOING IT EVERYWHERE. ON THE STREETS, IN APARTMENTS, IN SCHOOLS. EVERYWHERE. NOT JUST SAYING IT. DOING IT. FOREVER. LIVE. IN PERPETUITY. POWER TO THE PEOPLE.



PEOPLE OF COLOR DO NOT NEED A WHITE PERSON SUCH AS MYSELF TO TELL THEM ANYTHING ABOUT SYSTEMIC RACISM.

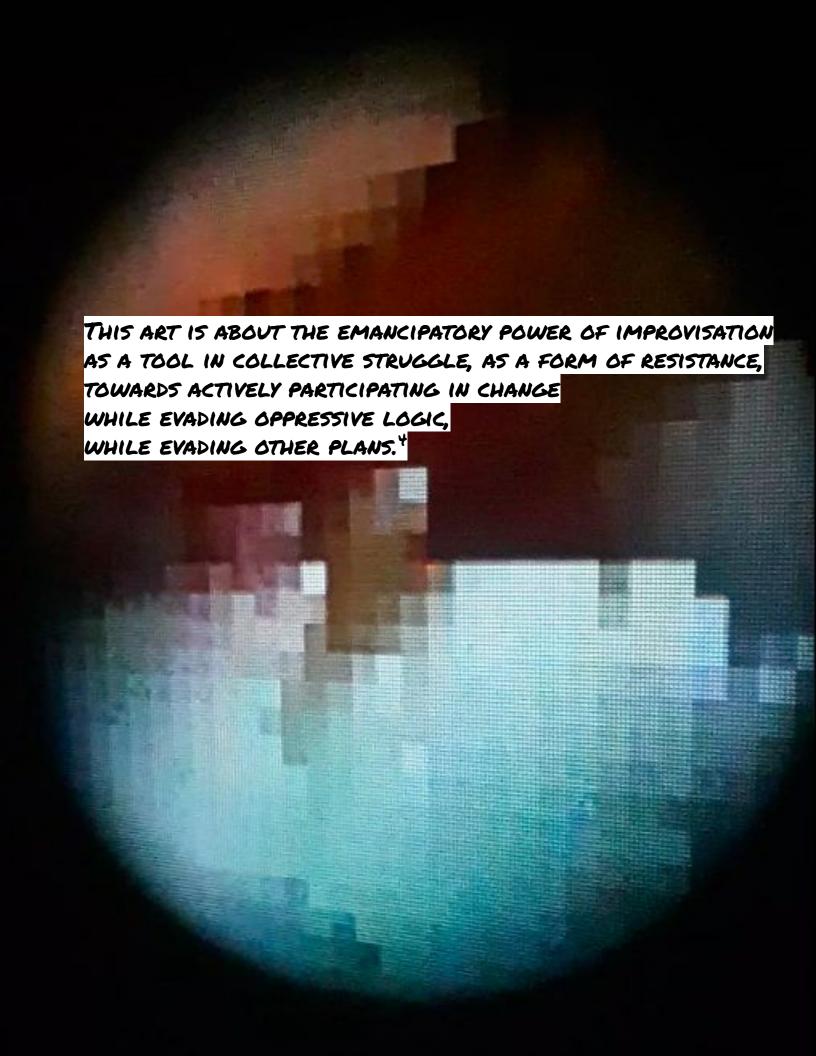


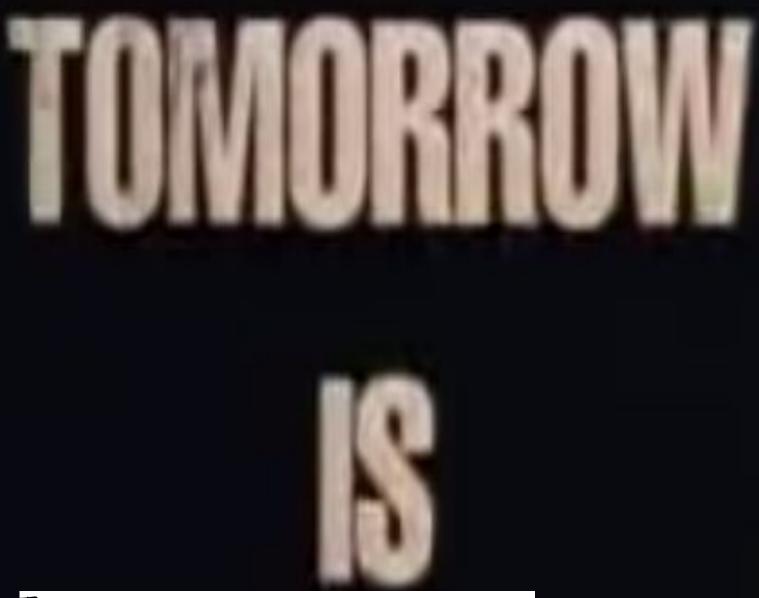




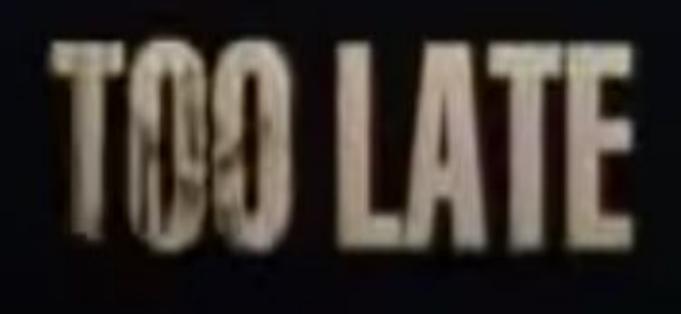








THIS ART IS ABOUT RESISTING A DESIGN FOR LIFE WHERE MEANINGS ARE FIXED ONLY BY PRIVILEGED INTELLECTUALS. <sup>S</sup>





UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT DEFINES US. 6



## POWER

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PEOPLE,

## ENDNATES

- 1. IN "ON TOUCHING-THE INHUMAN THAT THEREFORE I AM" PAGE 217 KAREN BARAD DESCRIBES THEORY AS A FORM OF TOUCH BOTH MATERIALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY.
- 2. IN "MAKING SENSE: COGNITION, COMPUTING, ART, AND EMBODIMENT." PAGE 218 SIMON PENNY PRESENTS A THEORY OF EMBODIMENT TO DESCRIBE HOW THE MANY FACULTIES OF THE HUMAN BODY, WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENT, CREATE WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO PERCEIVE.
- 3. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S SPEECH "THE OTHER AMERICA" WAS GIVEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE VIETNAM WAR BUT IS STILL RELEVANT TODAY.
- 4. ON PAGE 79 OF "THE UNDERCOMMONS: FUGITIVE PLANNING + BLACK STUDY" HARNEY AND MOTEN DESCRIBE DEMOCRACTIC BUREAUCRACY AS A TOOL OF OPPRESSION THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY REAFFIRMS ITS OWN IMPORTANCE. THEY NOTE THAT THE BEAUTIFULLY CHAOTIC PROCESS OF IMPROVISATION AS INSPIRED BY JAZZ EVADES, SHORT CIRCUITS, AND SABOTAGES THIS FORM OF TAUTOLOGY.
- 5. THE PHRASE "A DESIGN FOR LIFE" IS TAKEN FROM THE ANTHEMIC 1996 SONG BY THE MANIC STREET PREACHERS. THE PIECE DARES TO CHALLENGE THE LIMITS OF ENGLISH INTELLECTUALISM THAT WORK TO SUBJUGATE OTHER CULTURES WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES.
- 6. SEE MODULE 10 OF "INTRODUCTION TO TECHNOCULTURE" KENDALL HUNT PUBLISHING COMPANY PUBLISHED IN 2020. BALSAMO WRITES A LETTER TO STUDENTS DESCRIBING THE URGENT NEED TO FURTHER EXPLORE TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT ON THE CREATION OF CULTURE IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW TO CREATE A SHARED AND EQUITABLE FUTURE.

