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MACPHAIL SPOTLIGHT CONCERT: THE SPACE WHERE WORDS FAIL FEATURING TWIN CITIES PHOTOGRAPHER ASHA BELK

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – April 4, 2023 – The MacPhail Spotlight Series: Musical Explorations in Spectral Colors comes to a spell bounding, collaborative crescendo as Twin Cities photographer Asha Belk creates a visual landscape to join the eclectic sounds of MacPhail's EMRA (Electronic Music and Recording Arts) Faculty. With Belk's highly narrative photographic style, she will curate a selection of relevant photographs from the Twin Cities and beyond, that speak to the essence of family, individuals, and her passion as a social worker.

MacPhail's EMRA faculty, led by Grammy nominated pianist <u>Michael Cain</u>, and joined by <u>Isaac</u> <u>Rohr</u>, <u>Kenichi 'Dj Just Nine' Thomas</u>, and <u>Barbara Cohen</u>, will feature a wide variety of musical pieces featuring voice, keys, and electronic music of all sorts.

Belk had this to say about bringing her work to the stage at MacPhail, "This a selection of work I've done over the past ten years and I'm excited to see it coexist with the power of music! This curation of photos is about celebrating and authentically capturing Black Culture and showcasing those beautiful spaces that we create. I want the audience to leave with a greater sense of humanity and to bring them into someone else's world. The title of this performance is 'The Space Where Words Fail' because I want the art to speak for itself. "

"The Space Where Words Fail" will take place on Saturday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in MacPhail's Antonello Hall. Tickets are available for purchase here.

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