

Album Statement



The artists and cultural organizers who are part of Songs in the Key of Resistance are rooted in the living tradition of movement music, lifting up songs born from struggle, survival, joy, and collective dreaming. This album was made possible through the vision, commitment, and powerful artistry of the musicians, vocalists, and cultural organizers who believe in the power of song to deepen political consciousness, strengthen community, and help transform society. Their offering continues a lineage shaped by freedom songs, labor chants, protest anthems, and spirituals - carrying forward traditions that have sustained people through generations of organizing and liberation work.

More than a recording project, this album emerges from a collective of movement artists and cultural organizers committed to using music as a tool for connection, political imagination, and liberation. Each track reflects the deep relationships, histories, and shared commitments that make movement building possible. Songs in the Key of Resistance honors those who came before us and is connected to a wide web of cultural organizers who are working to build a world rooted in justice, dignity, and collective freedom.

We chose to release this album on June 1st, a day when Sojourner Truth claimed her new name and set forth on a mission to preach the truth to a nation about its violence; to advocate against a slave system and to bring about justice, "the Spirit calls me, and I must go." It is with this spirit that we invite those who know in their bones that love is a structure upon which our world could be built, to continue the work of organizing through song.

As Jarvis Benson, co-author of the report "A Matter of Survival: Organizing to Meet Unmet Needs and Build Power in Times of Crisis" reminds us, "May we build communities where no one is left to struggle alone. And may we remember that we come from people who have always found ways to take care of each other – and to fight for more."

We Sing Freedom



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Album Credits



An offering to the movement from Songs in the Key Of Resistance

Recorded at Yucca Man Records

Produced, Mixed and Engineered by Austin Shupe, Yucca Man Records

Additional Production by Songs in the Key Of Resistance

Assistant Engineer Booker Harrap

Arrangements by Songs in the Key Of Resistance unless otherwise specified

Creative Director Pauline Pisano

Executive Producer Min. Charon Hribar

Featured artists and vocalists from Songs in the Key Of Resistance:

Min. Charon Hribar, Min. Ciara Taylor, Lu Aya, Arnaé Batson, Frankie Lopez, Steff Reed, Patience Rowe, Anu Yadav

***All songs except live recordings:**

“Faith Calls Us”

Mixed and Engineered by Austin Shupe

Recorded Live at Joshua Tree Retreat Center

“Liberation Today”

Mixed and Engineered by Austin Shupe

Recorded Live at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly

Featuring a chorus of 90 song leaders from across the nation

“Until All Of Us Are Free”

Mixed and Engineered by Daniel Blake and Bryan Copeland

Recorded Live at Bethany Arts Center

Song Credits

“This Is For Our Families” by The Peace Poets w/Mijente

“Justice” by Arnaé Batson

“No Están Solos” by Francisco Herrera, Emma’s Revolution and The Peace Poets

“Rebel” by the Peace Poets

“We Are The Movement” by the Peace Poets

“We Will Win” Lyrics by Philip Agnew, arrangement by Min. Ciara Taylor

“We Will Win Interlude” arrangement by Min. Ciara Taylor, Steff Reed, Patience Rowe

Bonus Live Tracks

“Faith Calls Us” Original Song by the Peace Poets + Green Faith Adapted by SKOR

“Liberation Today” Adapted by Ciara Taylor, Pauline Pisano, Steff Reed and Charon Hribar

“Until All Of Us Are Free” By: Arnaé Batson