

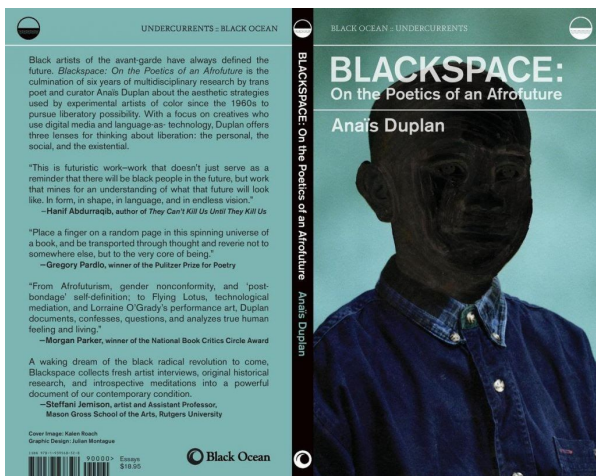
Residency Unlimited (RU) PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2021



Meet Over Lunch: **Mbira: The Ancestral Resonance**

Mbira: The Ancestral Resonance is a panel discussion hosted by RU 2021 resident curator [Tansy Xiao](#) and [Ryan Pratt](#) featuring mbira musicians [Erica Azim](#) and [Anesu Ngoro](#). The panel presents the significance that was deprived when the instrument and the music form were adopted by the Western society; discusses the impacts of colonialism on the Zimbabwean music tradition, questions the authority of Eurocentric definitions in musicology such as “harmony” and “halftone” and investigates the ultimate dilemma: How do we achieve decolonization with the language of colonizers?

Virtual Event
January 9, 2021



RU Talk: **Blackspace Conversation Series**

Conceived and led by RU 2016 curatorial alum [Anaïs Duplan](#), this program invites the RU Alum artists [Oneika Russell](#) and [Abdullan Qureshi](#) as well as the Detroit based artist [Dyani Douze](#) into conversation about the role of digital media and performance for contemporary artists of colors in furthering freedom pursuits. In *Blackspace: On the Poetics of an Afrofuture*, Anaïs Duplan offers three frameworks for considering liberation: the individual, the social, and the universal. Inspired by the lineage of artists of color using digital media and performance to work toward these three kinds of freedom, this conversation program invites us to consider the current social movement for Black liberation in the context of the history of artist-activists who have mobilized time-based media to further social justice.

Virtual Event
January 16, 2021



Exhibition: [Thinking Food Futures Exhibition](#)
Curated by Livia Alexander and Işın Önol, the Thinking Food Futures Exhibition features new works by the 2020 Food Futures artists [Esra Durukan](#), [Yoko Inoue](#), [Siri Lee](#), [Rosa Nussbaum](#), [Lily Consuelo Saporta Tagiuri](#), [Andrew Vigil-Emerson](#) and [Allie Wist](#), as well as recent works by [Asunción Molinos](#), [Jessica Segall](#) and [Candace Thompson](#).

This project builds upon the thematic residency [Food Futures](#) which took place from April through July 2020 with seven local artists selected through open call and a panel process to reimagine issues around food resilience in urban environments and food justice.

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Virtual Event
January 22, 2021