

AUNTIE'S BABY

AN AUDIO POEM

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Auntie's Baby uses family phone calls and cinematic audio production to open a portal into Black storytelling. With this audio poem, Simone Ivory and Flowerthief evoke depth and intimacy while showcasing Black Boston across generations, ultimately inviting us home.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

SIMONE IVORY is a poet and interdisciplinary artist with deep roots in Boston, MA. Her debut poetry collection, *Testify*, was published by Octopus Books in 2017. She was awarded a Massachusetts Cultural Council poetry fellowship in 2020. Simone's creative practices include co-creating events and installations through UnBound Bodies, a multidisciplinary QTBIPOC arts collective; supporting Hive Soul Yoga, a POC-centered wellness community; and producing archival audio projects. Learn more about her work at simonejohn.com.

FLOWERTHIEF is a multimodal healing artist living in Boston. They are currently a spiritual organizer with the Black Lotus Collective, 1/2 of future-soul duo Optic Bloom, a graduate nursing student, and an "everymedia" collage artist. They aim to channel and embody the powerful wisdom of beings who revel in blackness, and thrive in the liminal.



WHAT FOLKS ARE SAYING

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auntie's baby is nostalgia. Reminiscent of a hot summer Saturday in the heart of Roxbury, hearing words of wisdom from your most favorite relatives that live 'right around the corner'. The melodies heard over the mesmerizing production serve as a narration and soundtrack to our childhoods. A psychedelic trip to the past.

RED SHAYDEZ

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A lingering light, a sonic symphony, a new North Star-- *auntie's baby* stands with and within everything Black & familiar. This musical landscape is the family, the funk, & the unforgotten. Imagine Carrie Weems' *The Kitchen Table Series* singing to your family photo album at Sunday dinner, and maybe you'll begin to understand the depths of this harmonic-hug. The artists mend the mundane with the magic, making material out of everything-& Isn't that what black people do? *auntie's baby* whispers to us "This is the poetry!" It points to every Black person from Boston to Brooklyn, from Virginia to Cali. No need to bring the collard greens or the sweet potatoes, the cornbread or the mac & cheese. Cus we got *auntie's baby* now, keeping us overfull.

GOLDEN

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