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Black in My Own Way is a 4-act Pseudo Logic Urban Neon* Overture with a surrounding score that creates a paralleling Identity Logic* for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus Christ. A new Urban Neon Alphabet Logic* creates the Pseudo Reality Storyville* Identity of Dr. King during the last days of his life in the Urban Tense Reality* as an inner monologue, much like Jesus talking with God in the Garden of Gethsemane taking inventory of his own Storyville. The surrounding score establishes the syntactical identity of the Storyville for the Urban Neon Overture.

Black in My Own Way is about being
Black on your own terms.

ACKNOWLEDGE ME!!!

Black in My Own Way is about the empowerment of a people and the common thread of humanity that runs through all of us – the same struggles (an Urban Neon Tense).

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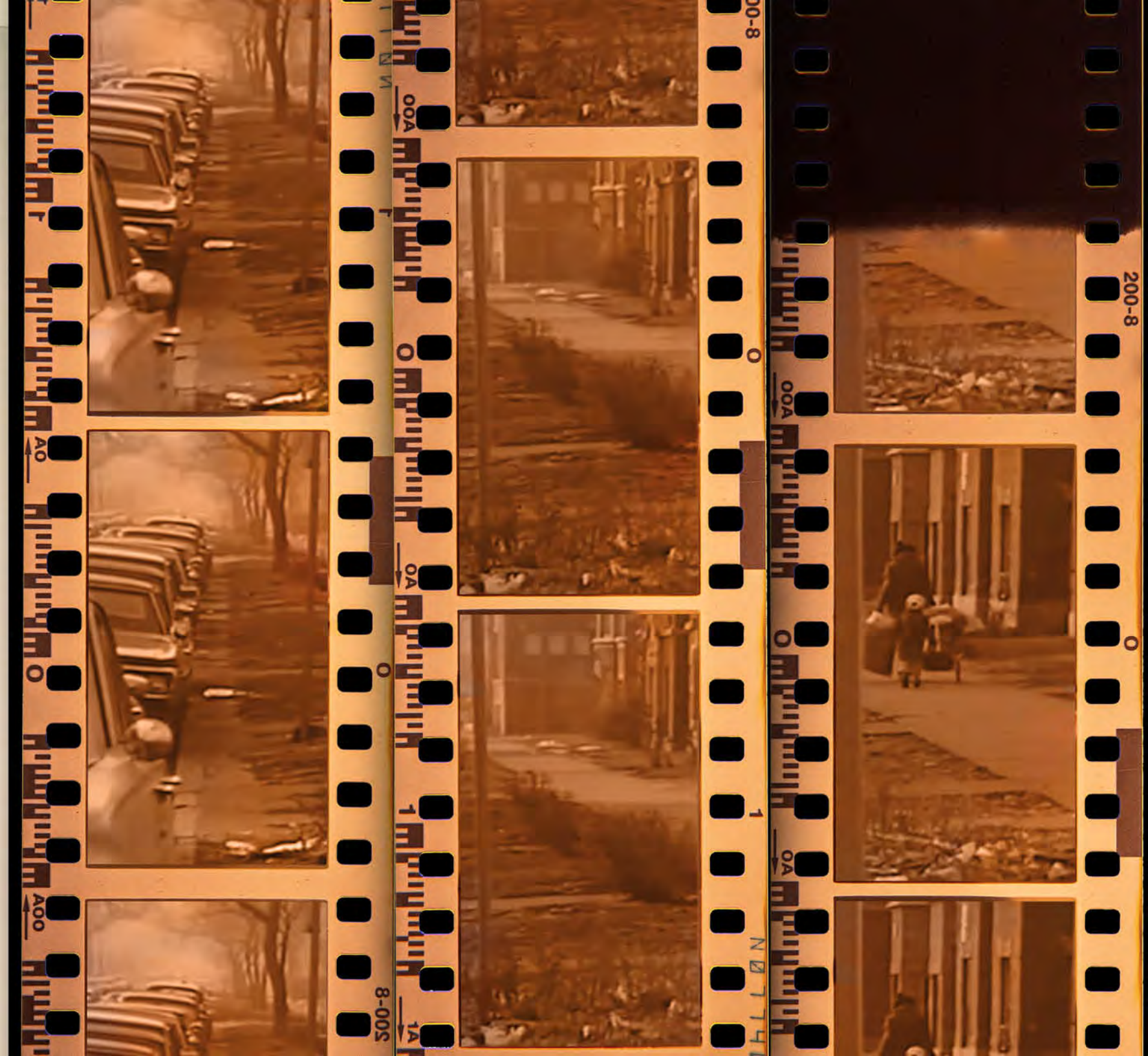
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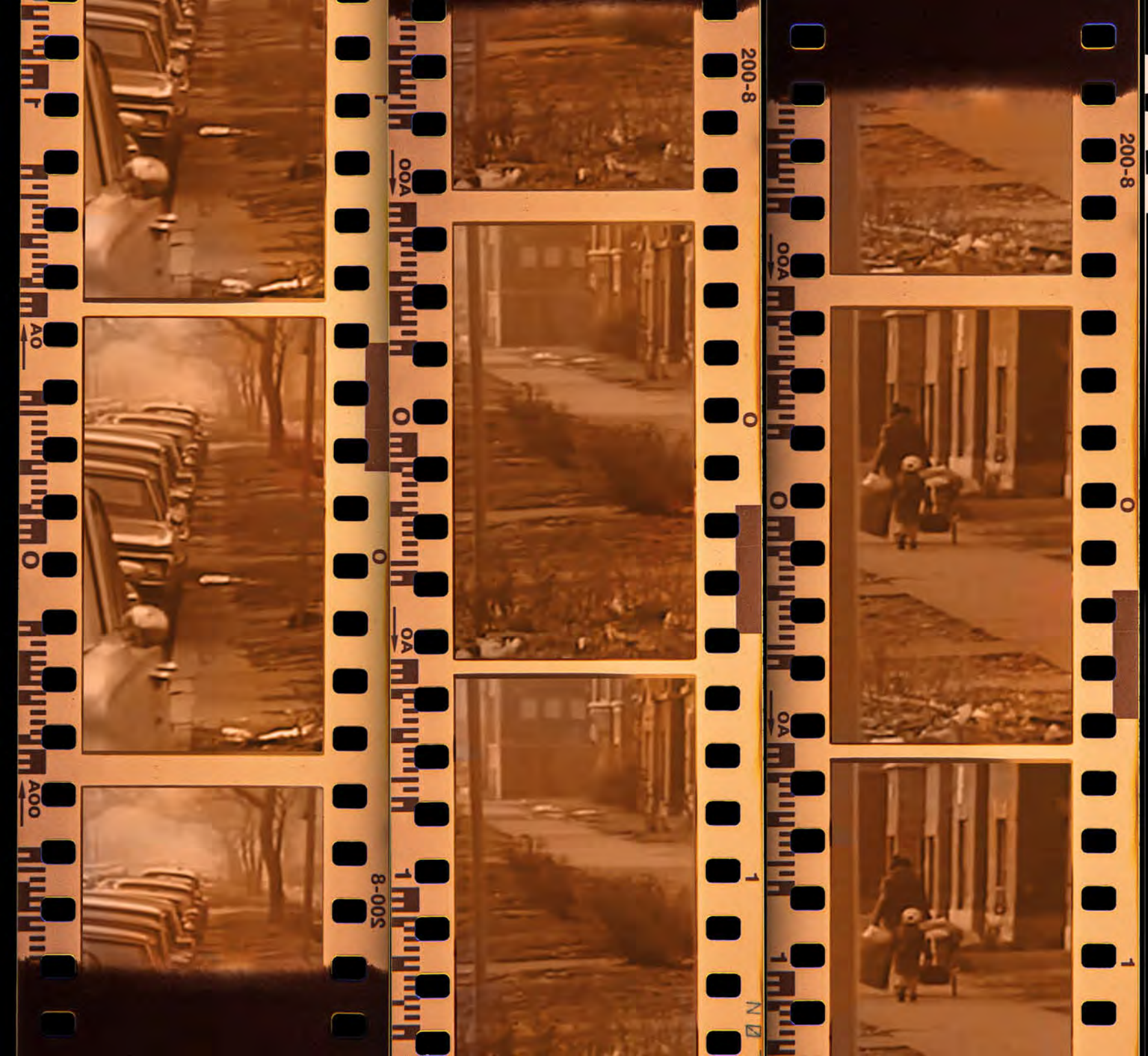
The objective of **The DX Experiment** is to expand the concepts of avant-garde free-form music, delivering it into a new Urban Neon Logic. Through the use of Alphabet Logic and by elevating improvisation beyond just notes and melody, we establish an Alphabet Logic Identity which sets up a Sliding Decimal Proposition* within the Neon Overture* in the context of the Urban Neon Logic. Time as an Abstract Identity* in a Time Layering Motif* becomes a Pseudo Theoretical Equation* in a Vertical Tense Reality*, establishing a new compositional syntax beyond the conventions of the Alphabet Logic.

Sentence Structure combines Melo-rhythmic* Pseudo Tense with Urban Neon Alphabet Logic and Pseudo Logics accompanied by instrumentation to tell a melodic story and create a new Alpha Tense Reality*. The instruments are not speaking in conventional syntactical logics or sonic tenses, but phrasing in the Pseudo Alphabet Logic of a sentence in their own Sonic Tense Reality. Within the context of the sentence structure format, the tensing of Pseudological Syntax becomes the Alphabet Logic and when combined with the emotional energy of the Sonic Tense creates the syntactical reality of speech within the context of the Earth Shoe Plane*.

Urban Neon Tense is not a genre or style of harmonic tensed interpretation, but the art of conceptual expression that combines harmonic tensed Pseudo Logics and Alphabet Logic tensed in a Storyville motif where the musician becomes a complete artist. Time Warp Blues and Storyville tensed as one Pseudologic Reality – to see them as conceptual ideas beyond the platitudes of structure where improvisation becomes intuitive thought. Although Urban Neon Tense has no written score, it is an organized piece of music. It utilizes a new compositional Alphabet Logic format employing various Storyville and harmonic tenses, which IS the score.

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Black in My Own Way was spontaneously created in the moment.

AS ACTORS, THE VOCALISTS AND MUSICIANS PERFORMED IN SENTENCE STRUCTURE.

Sentence structure is the phrasing of a harmonic tensed idea in the Urban Neon Logic of a sentence, not focusing on individual words or sounds, but creating the flow and feel of a sentence. The musicians approached their instruments in such a way to create a melodic situation giving the effect of speech and had a conversational dialogue with each other through their instruments. Using sentence structure, the musicians acted out an improvisation of the Alphabet Logic so that the instruments became the actors in the theater of

URBAN NEON TENSE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING 3 ELEMENTS:

- 1 Reflected the Alphabet Logic
- 2 Syntactical context (sentence structure) in their performance
- 3 Performed spontaneously and in the moment

BETWEEN THE SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND THE EMOTION OF THE MUSIC, THE INSTRUMENTS CREATED THE SENSE OF ACTING OUT THE ALPHABET LOGIC.

THE TRACKS

TRACK 1

Urban Neon Jungle

LENGTH: 1:34

DANTE XAVIER: THE ALPHA BODY*

The first track of the score entitled *Urban Neon Jungle* is meant to establish and create a presence for Dr. King, and it is played with a somewhat stumbling feeling to portray his struggles. The title *Urban Neon Jungle* in the Neon Syntactical Logic* literally translates to “The Body” as a Pseudo Tense Reality. *Urban Neon Jungle* is played from time to time (interludes) weaved throughout the score to tie the score in with the Storyville, and to connect the individual tracks together so that they feel like a homogeneous score.

In *Urban Neon Jungle*, the body rhythm has an echo to create a presence and sound like someone walking down a hallway or stairwell so that when you listen, the experience of someone walking becomes real, rather than the flat studio sound of a rhythmic improvisation. The rhythm itself had to have a time-feel and a natural rhythmic flow to create the feeling of a stride. The stumbling

section needed to be done in such a way to have the time-feel and flow remain constant without being interrupted abruptly. It had to be continuous as a person would have in a stride, a stumbling through the stride, and continuing on in the stride. The stride is the Pseudo Tense Reality. Most importantly, it had to feel like the rhythmic interpretation of someone walking, not just sound like someone walking, to convey the emotion of the struggle that’s going on within Dr. King—Pseudo Tense Reality.

TRACK 2

Polyester Pseudo Tense - Part 1

LENGTH: 2:53

DANTE XAVIER: VIBRAPHONE

A deliberate use of tape hiss is used to create a whirring sound, which establishes a breathing and pulsing – to give life and dimensionality to the instrument, as well as create texture in the harmonic tense and establish a Pseudo Tense within the harmonic tense (human voice) tensed as an inner monologue.

TRACK 3

Interlude

LENGTH: 0:24

DANTE XAVIER: THE ALPHA BODY

The interlude serves to reestablish Dr. King’s presence before the Neon Overture *Urban Elixir*.

TRACK 4-8

Urban Elixir

LENGTH: 35:21

PRELUDE: INFINITY LOGIC/TIME WARP BLUES

ACT ONE: TIME WARP BLUES PROCESSION

ACT TWO: 3 SOUNDS

ACT THREE: MEMPHIS 601

ACT FOUR: URBAN TENSE REALITY

PERSONNEL:

AVERY BROOKS: VOCALS

MR. WHITEKEYS: PIANO

KEVIN BARBOUR: ELECTRIC PICCOLO BASS

JOE PIEROG: ELECTRIC BASS

MARK WILSON: DOUBLE BASS

KENWOOD DENNARD: DRUMS, PERCUSSION

DANTE XAVIER: DRUMS, PERCUSSION,
PIANO (PRELUDE ONLY), HARMONICA

I used a paralleling Pseudo Tense Reality Storyville between Dr. King and Jesus as a means to explore the Syntactical Logic of Dr. King’s psyche as an inner monologue. This 4-act interpretative Storyville is a Compound Tense identity for Dr. King, capturing the Identity Logic of the Civil Rights Movement tensed in 3 voices through Dr. King’s id (psyche), as the movement played out in his day-to-day life (struggles and doubts). This inner monologue is a Pseudo Logic Tense Reality of Jesus’s conversation with God in the Garden of Gethsemane and parallels the last days of their lives.

It was important to me that the realities of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement were not interpreted into the Synthetic Urban Reality, but rather to tense the Alphabet Polyester Reality of the struggle and ultimately find peace through the struggle as a necessary part of change.

Urban Elixir is the Neon Overture and is intended to be an interpretative Storyville

concept – a complete departure from the Earth Shoe Reality (an Urban Neon Logic). I wanted the surrounding compositions (the score) to have a drama to it—a communicational element. The surrounding score establishes a common motif with the Urban Reality of the Storyville. Much like the musical score for a play, the score sets up scenes and situations and, in this way, they become more than just a collection of songs. At the same time, I wanted the surrounding compositions to have an individual element to them as songs that can stand on their own. The Alphabet Logic in *Urban Elixir* is an interpretative, dramatic, narrative Alpha Tense Reality.

Urban Elixir is more than just an Urban Neon Spiritual in the Alphabet Logic – it is the reality of an Urban Neon Spiritual. The scope of *Urban Elixir* extends beyond the Common Tense Storyville of the Civil Rights Movement to the idea of the Movement – exploring the identity within the context of the Urban Neon Logic.

PRELUDE - INFINITY LOGIC/TIME WARP BLUES

Enter the presence (Neon Tense) of Dr. King.

ACT ONE - TIME WARP BLUES PROCESSION

The title *Time Warp Blues Procession* is the repression and disenfranchisement of the Black Identity – basically, the blues as a Poly-tensed Reality. It is a two-part Reality Tense. The first part is a narrative synopsis of the Blackbird’s Alphabet Logic (song). The second part is the Alphabet Logic of Dr. King tensed in the Syntactical Context as an inner monologue. The intermezzo at the end serves as a resolve to Act One as well as to establish a tension and intensity leading into Act Two.

ACT TWO - 3 SOUNDS

3 Sounds are the main voicings of the 3 basses stating the Placebo Logic within Dr. King (inner monologue between the id, ego, and superego with the id as the arbitrator). In the improvisation section, the instruments are

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acting out the drama of what the Alphabet Logic of the Storyville is about. The clave pattern is similar in feel to *Urban Neon Jungle* and also serves as a means to tie the score to the Neon Overture. The double bass monologue was designed as a dramatic scene with the other two basses – a soliloquy and at times an arbitrary conversation, not a solo but still long enough to be substantial.

ACT THREE - MEMPHIS 601

This act is a multi-layered section, picking up where Act One left off. The Storyville then transmogrifies from an inner monologue into Dr. King's final speech (The Mountaintop) as an interpretation of The Last Supper, with Dr. King expressing the tumultuous struggle within him, and finally transitioning into the gunshot (The Crucifixion).

ACT FOUR - URBAN TENSE REALITY

I performed the harmonica solo in this piece in such a way to give the effect of dual voicings, establishing a transitional Reality Tense for Dr. King between the Platitude and Alpha Tense Realities.

TRACK 9

Polyester Pseudo Tense – Part To

LENGTH: 9:29

MARK WILSON: DOUBLE BASS

DANTE XAVIER: VIBRAPHONE, PIANO, AND SUSPENDED CYMBAL

In *Polyester Pseudo Tense – Part To*, to keep with the idea of this being a score to the Neon Overture *Urban Elixir* and establishing a Pseudo Tense Identity for Dr. King, it had to have the logic of an inner struggle as a conversational dialogue within him. The double bass needed to have a feeling of struggling to maintain while still keeping up. So, the vibraphone was constantly pushing up against the Reality Tense* of the double bass, thereby forcing the bassist's playing to be labored.

Note: The title Polyester Pseudo Tense – Part To is presented as 'To' in order to distinguish it as separate from and unrelated to Polyester Pseudo Tense Part 1 ... 'to' the next Pseudo Tense.

TRACK 10

Alphabet Factory

LENGTH: 4:11

KENWOOD DENNARD: VOCALS AND JAW HARP

MARK WILSON: DOUBLE BASS

DANTE XAVIER: DRUMS

Alphabet Factory is an Alphabet Logic Reality stated within the context of a drum solo. The objective of Alphabet Factory was more than just to syntactically or phonetically Tense* out a drum solo to create the stride of Dr. King, which would have lacked the improvised spontaneous Reality Tense of a solo and would have sounded like the vocalist was reading it. Also, it would have been too difficult to memorize and perform at an appropriate real-time Pseudo Tense. The format of Alphabet Factory creates a Neon Logic, but with a Placebo Identity drum solo to establish a framework and put the rest of the Syntactical Logic inside for the vocalist to work with, which was seamlessly executed – improvising and playing with the configuration of the Syntactical Logic. The goal was to create a Melo-rhythmic and rhythmic vocal interpretative drum solo to establish an identity and speech pattern for the drums, not simply to imitate a drum solo.

Like the other tracks in the score, *Alphabet Factory* is about communication – the Urban Neon Alphabet Logic.

TRACK 11

Interlude

LENGTH: 0:26

DANTE XAVIER: THE ALPHA BODY

TRACK 12

The Abstract Wine

LENGTH: 6:20

KENWOOD DENNARD: DRUMS

DANTE XAVIER: VIBRAPHONE

This piece is a conversation between two brothers and is meant to underscore the Syntactical Logic of *Urban Elixir* Act Three (“my brother's wine spilled on my bread tonight”) and to set the stage for the Urban Tense Reality of Act Four.

TRACK 13

Braille Identity Logic

LENGTH: 4:16

MARK WILSON: DOUBLE BASS

DANTE XAVIER: TABLA AND VOCALS

The composition is about being bamboozled by the trappings and led by the Pseudo Logic of the mainstream Earth Shoe Platitude

Reality – basically being blind and pulling the wool over your own eyes. This piece was composed with a Conceptual Identity called “Blues Raga” designed to create a modified double-talk around an Indian motif.

TRACK 14

Placebo Tense Factor

LENGTH: 9:34

DANTE XAVIER: PIANO

*Placebo Tense Factor** is the transitional state from the Pseudo Logic of the Platitude Reality to the Urban Neon Reality by conveying an Alphabet Logic of turmoil, conflict, unrest and peace while simultaneously serving as a staging for the Neon Overture *Urban Elixir*.

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Alphabet Logic for Urban Elixir

Act One - Time Warp Blues Procession

Song of the Blackbird plays
Shimmering shades of blue
From his Black gilded cage
Mourning dirge yearning
Weak with desire
For a taste of the fire and the heat
Play, Blackbird, play
Long since buried under layers
Of sepia brown
Gone is the day, bye to the joy
Even laughter on the hook of a tear ... ha
Still cuts deep
Cry Blackbird, cry
Blackbird plays melancholy tones
Of jet and indigo
Blackbird's song paints a picture
Sketches of Spain
Drush tone velvet Miles of Smiles
Creeping out of the edge of reason
Blackbird's song marks steady, haunting time
On the jagged border of barbed wire
Twined around the soul of his red breast
That caged the Blackbird
Song of the Blackbird slowly fades

Die Blackbird
Blackbird, Blackbird die

(Instrumental Interlude)

I struggle through the day
My soul in disarray
Picking cotton
Sweeping city streets
Tine young squire
Strong Black feet
Planted in the dirt
Digging their own grave
Dancing to the song of the Blackbird
Tilted acres
From Motown to Chi-Town
To the Crescent down below
Song of the Blackbird rings out
Deptic held sedentary
Blackbird's dirge echoes in my belly
Flavors of the city
Ginger and ghee
Oregano and plantains
Black-eyed peas
I'm America too
Black man's body swingin' in the breeze
Black man's body lyin' in the street
LYIN' IN THE STREET

(Instrumental Interlude)

I died many times through the centuries
From cotton fields to battlefields
To tenement slums
But still I breathe

(Intermezzo)

Act Three - MEMPHIS 601

I died many times through the centuries
From cotton fields to battlefields
To tenement slums
But still I breathe
Used to be I could find a way
When there was no way
From cotton fields to battlefields
To tenement slums
But still I breathe
I breathe to die another day
To hurt and struggle and suffer
To sing another dirge
But I don't want to sing another dirge
NO!
I DON'T WANT TO SING ANOTHER DIRGE
Living the American Dream on the D-side

Living on dreams deferred
Tree in my mind
I want to be free in stature
I WANT TO BE TREE!

(Instrumental Interlude)

I saw what I saw
I done seen it all
But have we all seen enough
Thorns to the left
Dread to the right
My brother's wine
Spilled on my bread tonight
I just wanna know
Are we going to live together
WHEN ... are we going to live together
Because if we don't live together
Then we are doomed
To die at our own hands
Again, and again, and
AGAIN!?!

Act Four - URBAN
TENSE REALITY

Freedom, freedom
In my mind like in my soul
Freedom, freedom
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Freedom, freedom
In my mind like in my soul
Freedom, freedom
Can't nobody tell me so
Freedom, freedom
Got ta find it for myself
Freedom, freedom
In my mind like in my soul
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Front Cover Artwork:

**TAKEN FROM THE PHOTO
CONCEPT "MADE IN GERMANY"
BY DANTE XAVIER**

The "Made in Germany" photo is an interpretation of the slanted, enchanted identity of the Gestapo and the totalitarian authoritative approach towards Black and Brown people within the context of the Pseudo Neon Logic of the police in the Placebo Tense Reality. I wanted to create the disorienting space of a grim dystopian Reality Tense. My conceptual approach was to monochromatically create a room without any walls to establish the Neon Tense of an expanding Reality Tense by using tinted lighting to create gradations within the background, along with the objects contained within the artwork (Made in Germany and black rectangle) to define a flat plane reality establishing the Neon Logic of a black hole.

ALPHA TENSE FACTORS*:

- The black rectangle is the black hole vortex with the levitating images being pulled in.
- The lips represent a vagina and are intended as a stark reality of society in the context logic of a dystopian Garden of Eden.
- The image in the foreground was cut and inverted to create 2 diagonal planes (above and below the images) levitating within the space as a vortex gravitating towards the black hole.
- The half-moon casting a shadow above it is the presence of the black hole encroaching on the objects as they move towards it.

Syntactical Reality: This piece is in no way a statement about the German nation or its citizens. For better or worse, it is a parallel between the Gestapo and the Pseudo Neon Logic of the police in the United States.

ALPHABET LOGICS AND PSEUDO TENSES

Back Cover Artwork:

**TAKEN FROM THE MIXED MEDIA
COLLAGE "URBAN ELIXIR" BY
DANTE XAVIER**

"Urban Elixir*" is an Urban Neon Spiritual* in the Alphabet Logic depicting Blackness as an Urban Neon Reality Tense. Urban Elixir is The Tense. The room is the identity of a crystal ball which is the Pseudo Logic as the synergy of the Urban Tense Reality.

ALPHA TENSE FACTORS:

- The assorted fabrics create an African motif and depicts Blackness as a Neon Tense Reality.
- The paint around the Female Tense is the Pseudo Tense Reality of a rainforest (her aura).
- The black-nippled bosom is Urban Elixir.





Liner Notes Artwork:

TAKEN FROM THE PHOTO CONCEPT “POLYESTER PLACEBO TENSE” BY DANTE XAVIER

The concept of “Polyester Placebo Tense^{*}” is not location-specific and offers a Pseudo Tense Reality of the Earth Shoe Logic with the Alpha Neon Factor^{*} as a common point of reference in the Equational Logic^{*} of the Linear Tense^{*} and the Sliding Decimal Factor as a Synergistic Pseudo Tense^{*}.

... an Alpha Tense Reality: Photography in its own Alphabet Logic is a Linear Loop Reality^{*}. I don't create photography from this Pseudo Logic. Generally speaking, I create the art and then photograph it, or I set up a shot and then create the art. This photo concept started out as a Storyville (film) piece, not a photograph, from which I then created this shot. Within the shot, I used the vertical objects in the scene i.e. trees and sign poles, to create 3 “frames” bringing the photo back to its Storyville (film) tense.

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Lateral Tense Reality:

All compositions and Alphabet Logic composed, arranged, and produced by Dante Xavier. All tracks were recorded spontaneously and unrehearsed in one take, just as conversation would naturally occur.

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