Friends,

In the wake of George Floyd's murder, yet another expression of the racism that plagues this country, our team has been reflecting on the importance of taking anti-racist action.

We've decided to hand over the mic. We are excited to announce a new audio documentary project, Black Voices in Healthcare, hosted by Nocturnists storyteller and Black UCSF physician, Ashley McMullen. The
series will be executive produced by physician Kimberly Manning.

You can read a message from Ashley [here](#). Please spread the word among your personal and professional communities!

If you know an individual or organization who might be interested in supporting this audio documentary project, please e-mail us at thenocturnists@gmail.com. We'd love to talk.

**Summary:**
What: [The Nocturnists: Black Voices in Healthcare](#)
When: Right now
Where: Everywhere
Deadline: OPEN until further notice
COVID-19 Audio Diaries

Over the last several weeks, our COVID-19 audio diarists have poured their hearts and souls into their audio diaries. We have created 9 episodes with their voices: New World, Arrival, Virus, Air, Helpless, Sick, Exhale, Insomnia, and Bad Trip.

What a ride it has been.

We are writing to announce that Tuesday, June 9th, we will release our 10th episode, which will mark the close of "Part 1" of this project. But this is not the end. In many ways, the story of COVID-19 is just beginning. How will we
weather the emotional fallout of this pandemic? How do we address the glaring healthcare disparities that plague our communities? What have we learned about our clinics, hospitals, and institutions? What have we learned about each other, and ourselves? Amidst all the loss, have there been any gains? Do we feel lost? Do we have a renewed clarity of purpose? Can we create change?

We have so many ideas about "Part 2" of this project: more spontaneous diary entries, audio diaries based on prompts, working 1:1 with individual diarists to create more structured narratives, reported pieces, airing old clips and bringing the diarist onto the program to discuss and reflect on their experience... The possibilities are endless. Please send us your thoughts and feedback. What do you need to be hearing right now? Your response will guide our decisions. After all, we make this show for YOU.

Lastly, we wanted to share another new development. We are currently in conversation with various libraries and museums about creating a permanent historical audio archive, comprised of your COVID-19 diaries. This is part of something larger; the world must not forget.

Sending love, strength, and peace to you all.

-Emily and The Nocturnists Team

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