

LESLEE SMUCKER Breathing Landscape

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DESCRIPTION

Recorded in an abandoned water tank in rural northwest Colorado and inspired by **Muriel Rukeyser**'s circa-1935 poem of the same name, violinist **Leslee Smucker** explores the range and saturation of intense natural reverb on *Breathing Landscape*. The artist pushes her instrument to the limit – by turns percussive, sweeping, and scraping – and, on several tracks, utilizes her own voice as well, resulting in an album that combines breathtaking beauty and visceral texture. Leaning into the meditative quality being present in one moment can provide, this is music you can feel on your skin, calling out from our decomposing modernity into the indifferent sky above. Conjuring deep time but captured in one day, the album is simultaneously immediate and vaporous, primeval-sounding yet unapologetically modern. In what she describes as a "sauna of sound," Smucker "was transported by the reverberation to another realm. Birds and trucks passed outside, while the wind was an integral part to the sound making."

TRACKLISTING

- 01. Air Placed Formally
- 02. Fixed Hills
- 03. Beneath This Still Hand
- 04. Wind Leans
- 05. Daymoon
- 06. But A Bird
- 07. Armored
- 08. Continuing Underground
- 09. In Briefest Transit
- 10. Nothing Crossed The Field

HIGHLIGHTS

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