

Bibliography List, Sondra Perry

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Curator's Note: The following list of references are texts, articles, and books shared by Sondra Perry, which are referenced in and informed and shaped the script for her commission, *you out here look n like you don't belong to nobody: heavy metal and reflective*, 2019. Quotes from the script, including the final closing letter from "Claudius Crozet to the President and Directors of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company," are sourced from the articles and historical texts listed.

Perry creates a narrative in her script that moves fluidly from the geological foundations of New York City and its bedrock, to legal allowances and city zoning, to iron in primeval seas and sold in forms online through a market for the artifacts of enslavement of African peoples, to the use of railroad spikes in conjure practice to keep one's house protected. The lyrical narrative is heard throughout the installation space and is the background of the film, which is itself in a screen within water, inside of an iron crucible. Through the artwork, we are invited to reflect on the physical and geological foundations of institutions, the labor that undergirds and supports them, and practices of consumption, exploitation, and memory retention across centuries.

—Nora Khan

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