



Chromic Duo (Dorothy Chan+Lucy Yao)

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## FROM ROOTS WE CARRY

Drawing upon Ravel and the passion to create new connections, this program ruminates on the question: How can we create moments of connection and empathy? Audiences are invited to reflect on their current state of being and offers a safe space for an undercurrent of dynamic emotions. Featuring pieces inspired by nature, including arrangements by Ravel, commissions by Samn Johnson and Yasmin Williams, and a live performance of “From Roots We Carry”, which confronts the complexities of inheritance, intergenerational healing, and sacrifice. Chromic Duo creates a temporal space for narration, poetry, and music from the Chinatown community in NYC to shed light on the multicultural and generational voices that enrich the Asian American diaspora, weaving a sonic story throughout each portrait as an original performance. Audiences are invited to reflect on all that they are carrying and what they will choose to let go throughout this interactive experience.

### About Chromic Duo

We believe that, by slowing down and looking at the smallest objects of the everyday, that we can uncover truths and reimagine how we connect with one another. We reimagine how we gather, in and outside of the concert hall, and bring experiential works and installations as a creative studio and performing arts duo.

We love to collaborate and the power of storytelling through our experiences as third-culture kids within the Asian American diaspora.

Blending toy piano, electronics, and multimedia into **genre-fluid concerts, installations**, and long-term residencies at colleges + cultural institutions, we cultivate spaces + partnerships that share our commitment to inclusivity, equity, and innovation.

No matter the solution, **the heart of what we do is constant**: to cultivate intentional spaces for gathering to share stories that have been left out.