SFX: fade in, distant traffic, rural

VINTAGE TRAVEL HOST: Where do they come from, and where do they go?

MUSIC: fade in, "Obsidian," Harbours and Oceans

From New York to California.

From Maine to Florida.

From Hawaii, Alaska, from everywhere, to everywhere.

SFX: crossfade, inside abandoned building, Blake exploring

BLAKE (VO): As a kid, I spent hours playing inside an abandoned dairy farm down the hill from my house. The raptured-like space, filled with objects from bygone times, boasted a peculiar sense of wonder and adventure. Inside my private sanctuary, I discovered an alternate reality where I invented entire worlds, alongside ghostly friends who taught me the importance of using my imagination for mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness.

Decades later, these childhood experiences laid the foundation for my practice as an audio storyteller through my work with *All-American Ruins*, a multimedia travelogue in which I recount my experiences exploring abandoned spaces and reimagine them through multimodal storytelling.

Oh, and hey - I'm Blake, the creator of the project-- and host of its Ambie-nominated audio series, *abandoned: The All-American Ruins Podcast*, which guides listeners through immersive audio fantasies, using the unmitigated power of sound, where I sonically recreate my expeditions to abandoned spaces across the United States and around the world. Take

my hand as I guide you through the physical spaces themselves and what they represent culturally, politically, and environmentally-- and allow me to lead you into the depths of my imagination, blurring the lines between fantasy and reality, where I will introduce you to a whole host of characters who help both of us process the underbelly of America through the lens of its ruins.

Together, you and I will take audio adventures to locations across the country, as well as international destinations in Finland and Mexico. You don't want to miss it, so make sure you hit that "subscribe" button now, turn on your notifications, and to stay up-to-speed with each and every episode release.

That's the 4-time Signal Award winner nominated *abandoned: The All-American Ruins Podcast*, season 3, coming to a podcast app near you on January 2, 2025.

(And don't forget: it's best that you listen with headphones on, imagination on, and everything else turned-- off.)

MUSIC: fade out
SFX: fade out

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