

*“Vibration is at the heart of nature. Music allows us to feel it.”Kurtz*

And suddenly the music stopped... Spending a lifetime photographing musicians in New Orleans and Philadelphia, I abruptly found my spirit and soul empty during the first 6 months of sheltering in place in 2020. Musicians as well as others were dying, and the ability to let their music transform my spirit to joy, was gone. Seeking other ways to heal my soul, I took long walks in nature, heard the whisper of the wind, calling me to find an inner peace. I watched the leaves turn colors, heard the crackling under my feet as I walked through woods filled with broken branches, and eventually even snow. I observed tree branches reaching upward toward the sky, seeking the light. I heard rain fall against the leaves of the trees, feeding them the nourishment to grow, I felt the sounds and vibrations of mother nature. I discovered the vibrations entering my soul from nature, were similar to those energy vibrations I had felt while listening to live music, as well as when capturing the emotions of the musicians themselves with my camera. I realized that I needed to pair these vibrations together, music and nature. Each pairing is created to reflect the vibrations and sounds that emulate and mirror the other. As we are now able to awaken ever so slightly from the past 18 months, I have been able to return, with caution to hear live music, to photograph musicians, albeit often from a distance, and feel that familiar healing vibration from the music. Yet it comes with a new, refreshed connection to my heart. The music is layered with sounds from nature. The healing sounds of rebirth. Music replicates the vibrations of nature, almost like a call and response. These vibrations enter our soul and allow us to feel. I hope that while viewing these pairings, you will feel the vibrations, the sounds, and reflect on the relationship between the notes from the musicians and the notes of music from nature, for that is how we will all heal.