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grace shinhae jun & MiRi “seoulsonyk” Park

The process of planning, choreographing, and producing this issue of Conversations has left us feeling incredibly grateful for the generosity of time, knowledge, and love from each participant. Many of you are members of our families. It’s been an honor to cypher with you in this format and then to spend time listening deeply to what you shared as we engaged in the process of annotating each transcript. Your willingness to be open and vulnerable has left us verklempt on the regular and with the feeling of being a part of something greater than any of us individually.

Big love to our fam who were open to participating in this issue, but due to scheduling in these pandemic times, it just didn’t work out. We hope that we somehow can hear the conversations about memory and remembering with Ephrat Asherie and Archie Burnett as well as the much-needed conversation about sexual harassment/trauma with b-girls Candy Bloise and Rowdy.

Extra big props and love to BazeOne STF and Dr. Jesse Mills for literally living with us every moment of this journey. And to our kids who had to live hearing the refrain of “Hang on. Mommy is talking to 이모 again” ad nauseam for the better part of a year. There is no other Virgo b-girl 아줌마 duo in which we’d be able to do this.

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From our fam to you. June 2021 on Kumeyaay land, the land upon which we are grateful to gather.
Pictured L-R: Baze One STF, MiRi “seoulsonyk” Park, Dr. grace shinhae jun, Dr. Jesse Mills, our children, Piglette, and Eclipse (RIP).
MiRi and grace’s personal collection.

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Thanks to all of you who are part of the hip hop culture past, present, and future. We hope that, like anything in the culture, this publication is a starting point from which you will innovate knowing the ledge in ways we can’t even imagine right now. Take this method and flip the script again and again.

Finally, we thank YOU. We sincerely hope that, as some of the conversants stated, you get from these conversations what you need through this invitation to get down in this knowledge cypher. And that once you do, you keep the energy of these exchanges going in mindful ways in the classroom and your scholarship. Peace.

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