



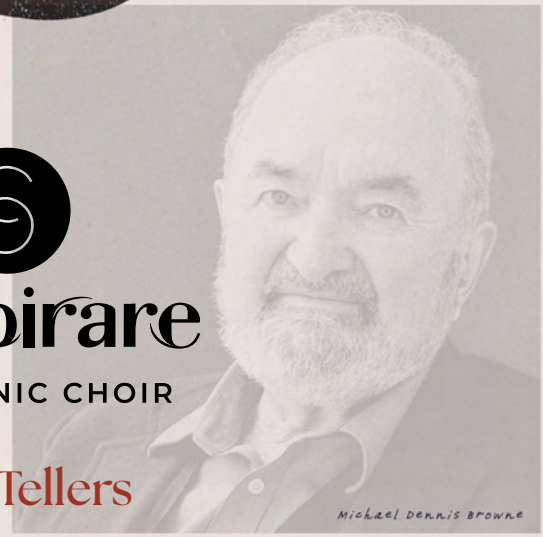
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Marques Jerrell Ruff, bass-baritone, sings the role of Elijah

PART I*

Introduction – As God the Lord of Israel liveth

Overture

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20. Thanks be to God, He laveth the thirsty land



PART II*

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PART I

Introduction

Overture

As God the Lord of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years but according to my word. (I KINGS 17:1)

1. *Chorus*

Help, Lord! wilt Thou quite destroy us? The harvest now is over, the summer days are gone, and yet no power cometh to help us! Will then the Lord be no more God in Zion? (JEREMIAH 8:19,20)

The deeps afford no water! And the rivers exhausted! The suckling's tongue now cleaveth for thirst to his mouth; the infant children ask for bread, and there is no one breaketh it to feed them! (I KINGS 17:7; LAMENTATIONS 4:4)

2. *Chorus*

Lord! bow Thine ear to our pray'r!

Zion spreadeth her hands for aid, and there is neither help nor comfort. (PSALM 86:1; LAMENTATIONS 1:17)

3. *Obadiah*

Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments for your transgressions: even as Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, "Forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil." (JOEL 2:12,13)

4. *Obadiah*

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God. "If with all your hearts you truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence. (DEUTERONOMY 4:29; JOB 23:3)

5. *Chorus*

Yet doth the Lord see it not, He mocketh at us; His curse hath fallen down upon us; His wrath will pursue us, till He destroy us! For He, the Lord our God, He is a jealous God, and He visiteth all the fathers' sins on the children to the third and the fourth generation of them that hate Him. His mercies on thousands fall – fall on all of them that love Him, and keep His commandments. (DEUTERONOMY 28:22; EXODUS 20:5,6)

6. *An Angel*

Elijah! Get thee hence, Elijah, depart and turn thee eastward; thither hide thee by Cherith's brook. There shalt thou drink its waters, and the Lord thy God hath commanded the ravens to feed thee there: so do according unto His word. (I KINGS 17:3,4)

7. *Chorus*

For He shall give His angels charge over thee: that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest; that their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. (PSALM 91:11,12)

10. *Elijah*

As God the Lord of Sabaoth liveth, before whom I stand, three years this day fulfilled, I will show myself unto Ahab; and the Lord will then send rain again upon the earth.

Ahab

Art thou Elijah? Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

Chorus

Thou art Elijah, he that troubleth Israel!

Elijah

I never troubled Israel's peace; it is thou, Ahab, and all thy father's house. Ye have forsaken God's commands, and thou hast followed Baalim! Now send and gather to me the whole of Israel unto Mount Carmel; there summon the prophets of Baal, and also the prophets of the groves, who are feasted at Jezebel's table. Then we shall see whose God is the Lord.

Chorus

And then we shall see whose god is God the Lord.

Elijah

Rise then, ye priests of Baal; select and slay a bullock, and put no fire under it; uplift your voices, and call the God ye worship; and I then will call on the Lord Jehovah: and the God, who by fire shall answer, let him be God.

Chorus

Yea, and the God who by fire shall answer, let him be God.

Elijah

Call first upon your God; your numbers are many. I, even I only remain one prophet of the Lord! Invoke your forest gods and mountain deities. (I KINGS 18:1,15,17-19,22-25)

11. *Priests of Baal*

Baal, we cry to thee; hear and answer us! Heed the sacrifice we offer! Baal, O hear us, and answer us! Hear us, Baal! Hear, mighty god! Baal, O answer us! Baal, let thy flames fall and extirpate the foe! Baal, O hear us!

12. *Elijah*

Call him louder, for he is a God! He talketh, or he is pursuing, or he is on a journey; or, peradventure, he sleepeth; so awaken him: call him louder.

Priests of Baal

Hear our cry, O Baal! Now arise! Wherefore slumber?

13. *Elijah*

Call him louder! He heareth not. With knives and lancets cut yourselves after your manner; leap upon the altar ye have made: call him and prophesy! Not a voice will answer you; none will listen, none heed you.

Priests of Baal

Baal! Hear and answer, Baal! Mark how the scorner derideth us! Hear and answer! (I KINGS 18:26-29)

Elijah

Draw near all ye people, come to me. (I KINGS 18:30)

14. *Elijah*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am Thy servant! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me, and show this people that Thou art Lord God, and let their hearts again be turned! (I KINGS 18:30,36,37)

16. *Elijah*

O Thou, who makest Thine angels spirits; Thou, whose ministers are flaming fires, let them now descend! (PSALM 104:4)

Chorus

The fire descends from heaven; the flames consume his offering! Before Him upon your faces fall! The Lord is God: O Israel, hear! Our God is one Lord; and we will have no other gods before the Lord! (I KINGS 18:38,39; DEUTERONOMY 5:7; 6:4)

Elijah

Take all the prophets of Baal, and let not one of them escape you; bring them down to Kishon's brook, and there let them be slain.

Chorus

Take all the prophets of Baal, and let not one of them escape us; bring all, and slay them! (I KINGS 18:40)

17. *Elijah*

Is not His word like a fire, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces? For God is angry with the wicked every day; and if the wicked turn not, the Lord will whet His sword; and He hath bent His bow, and made it ready. (JEREMIAH 23:29; PSALM 7:11,12)

19. *Obadiah*

O man of God, help thy people! Among the idols of the Gentiles, are there any that can command the rain, or cause the heavens to give their showers? The Lord our God alone can do these things.

Elijah

O Lord, Thou hast overthrown Thine enemies and destroyed them. Look down on us from heaven, O Lord; regard the distress of Thy people; open the heavens and send us relief; help, help Thy servant now, O God!

Chorus

Open the heavens and send us relief: help, help Thy servant now, O God!

Elijah

Go up now, child, and look toward the sea. Hath my prayer been heard by the Lord?

The Youth

There is nothing. The heavens are as brass, they are as brass above me.

Elijah

When the heavens are closed up because they have sinned against Thee, yet if they pray and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou didst afflict them, then hear from heav'n, and forgive the sin! Help, send Thy servant help, O God!

Chorus

Then hear from heaven and forgive the sin. Help, send Thy servant help, O God!

Elijah

Go up again, and still look toward the sea.

The Youth

There is nothing. The earth is as iron under me.

Elijah

Hearest thou no sound of rain? Seest thou nothing arise from the deep?

The Youth

No; there is nothing.

Elijah

Have respect to the pray'r of Thy servant, O Lord, my God! Unto Thee I will cry, Lord, my rock: be not silent to me; and Thy great mercies remember, Lord!

The Youth

Behold, a little cloud ariseth now from the waters; it is like a man's hand! The heavens are black with clouds and with wind: the storm rusheth louder and louder!

Chorus

Thanks be to God, for all His mercies!

Elijah

Thanks be to God, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for evermore!

20. *Chorus*

Thanks be to God! He laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather, they rush along! They are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and Almighty! (JEREMIAH 14:22, II CHRONICLES 6:19,26,27; DEUTERONOMY 28:23; PSALMS 28:1, 106:1, 93:3-4; I KINGS 18:43-45)

PART II

21. *Soprano*

Hear ye, Israel; hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord, the redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee. Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord thy maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens and laid the earth's foundations? Be not afraid, for I, thy God, will strengthen thee."
(ISAIAH 48:1,18, 53:1, 49:7, 41:10, 51:12-13)

23. *Elijah*

The Lord hath exalted thee from among the people, and o'er His people Israel hath made thee king. But thou, Ahab, hast done evil to provoke Him to anger above all that were before thee: as if it had been a light thing for thee to walk in the sins of Jeroboam. Thou hast made a grove and an altar to Baal, and served him and worshipped him. Thou hast killed the righteous and also taken possession. And the Lord shall smite all Israel; as a reed is shaken in the water; and He shall give Israel up, and thou shalt know He is the Lord.
(I KINGS 14:7,9,15, 16:30-33)

Queen Jezebel

Have ye not heard he hath prophesied against all Israel?

Chorus

We heard it with our ears.

Queen Jezebel

Hath he not prophesied also against the king of Israel?

Chorus

We heard it with our ears.

Queen Jezebel

And why hath he spoken in the name of the Lord? Doth Ahab govern the kingdom of Israel, while Elijah's power is greater than the king's? The gods do so to me, and more, if, by tomorrow about this time, I make not his life as the life of one of them whom he hath sacrificed at the brook of Kishon!

Chorus

He shall perish!

Queen Jezebel

Hath he not destroyed Baal's prophets?

Chorus

He shall perish!

Queen Jezebel

Yea, by sword he destroyed them all!

Chorus

He destroyed them all!

Queen Jezebel

He also closed the heavens!

Chorus

He also closed the heavens!

Queen Jezebel

And called down a famine upon the land.

Chorus

And called down a famine upon the land.

Queen Jezebel

So go ye forth and seize Elijah, for he is worthy to die; slaughter him!
Do unto him as he hath done!

24. *Chorus*

Woe to him, he shall perish; he closed the heavens! And why hath he spoken in the name of the Lord? Let the guilty prophet perish! He hath spoken falsely against our land and us, as we have heard with our ears. So go ye forth; seize on him! He shall die!
(JEREMIAH 26:9,11; I KINGS 18:10, 21:7; ECCLESIASTICUS 48:2,3)

25. *Obadiah*

Man of God, now let my words be precious in thy sight. Thus saith Jezebel: "Elijah is worthy to die." So the mighty gather against thee, and they have prepared a net for thy steps, that they may seize thee, that they may slay thee. Arise, then, and hasten for thy life, to the wilderness journey. The Lord thy God doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, He will not forsake thee. Now begone, and bless me also.

Elijah

Though stricken, they have not grieved! Tarry here, my servant; the Lord be with thee. I journey hence to the wilderness. (II KINGS 1:1,3; JEREMIAH 5:3, 26:11; PSALM 59:3; I KINGS 19:3,4; DEUTERONOMY 31:6; EXODUS 12:32; I SAMUEL 17:37)

26. *Elijah*

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer; now let me die, for my days are but vanity! I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts! For the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant and thrown down Thine altars and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword; and I, even I, only am left, and they seek my life to take it away. It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! (JOB 7:16; I KINGS 19:4, 10)

27. *Tenor*

See, now he sleepeth beneath a juniper tree in the wilderness! And there the angels of the Lord encamp round about all them that fear Him. (I KINGS 19:5; PSALM 34:7)

28. *Quartet*

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great,and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee. (PSALMS 55:22, 16:8, 108:4, 25:3)

29. *Chorus*

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee. (PSALMS 121:4; 138:7)

30. *The Angel*

Arise, Elijah, for thou hast a long journey before thee. Forty days and forty nights shalt thou go to Horeb, the mount of God. (I KINGS 19:7, 8)

Elijah

O Lord, I have labored in vain! Yea, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain! O, that Thou would'st rend the heavens, that Thou would'st come down! That the mountains would flow down at Thy presence, to make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, through the wonders of Thy works! O Lord, why hast Thou made them to err from Thy ways, and hardened their hearts, that they do not fear Thee? O that I now might die! (ISAIAH 49:4, 64:1,2; 63:17; I KINGS 19:4)

31. *The Angel*

O rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him and He shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers. (PSALM 37:1,4,7)

33. *Elijah*

Night falleth round me, O Lord! Be Thou not far from me! Hide not Thy face, O Lord, from me; my soul is thirsting for Thee, as a thirsty land.

The Angel

Arise, now! Get thee without! Stand on the mount before the Lord, for there His glory will appear and shine on thee! Thy face must be veiled, for He draweth near. (PSALM 143:6,7; I KINGS 19:11,13)

34. *Chorus*

Behold! God the Lord passed by! And a mighty wind rent the mountains around, brake in pieces the rocks, brake them before the Lord. But yet the Lord was not in the tempest. Behold! God the Lord passed by! And the sea was upheaved, and the earth was shaken. But yet the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there came a fire. But yet the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came a still small voice; and in that still voice, onward came the Lord. (I KINGS 19:11,12)

36. *Chorus*

Go, return upon thy way! For the Lord yet hath left Him seven thousand in Israel, knees which have not bowed to Baal. Go, return upon thy way. Thus the Lord commandeth. (I KINGS 19:15,18)

Elijah

I go on my way in the strength of the Lord. For Thou art my Lord, and I will suffer for Thy sake. My heart is therefore glad, my glory rejoiceth, and my flesh shall also rest in hope. (PSALMS 71:16; 16:9)

37. *Elijah*

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but Thy kindness shall not depart from me, neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed. (ISAIAH 54:10)

38. *Chorus*

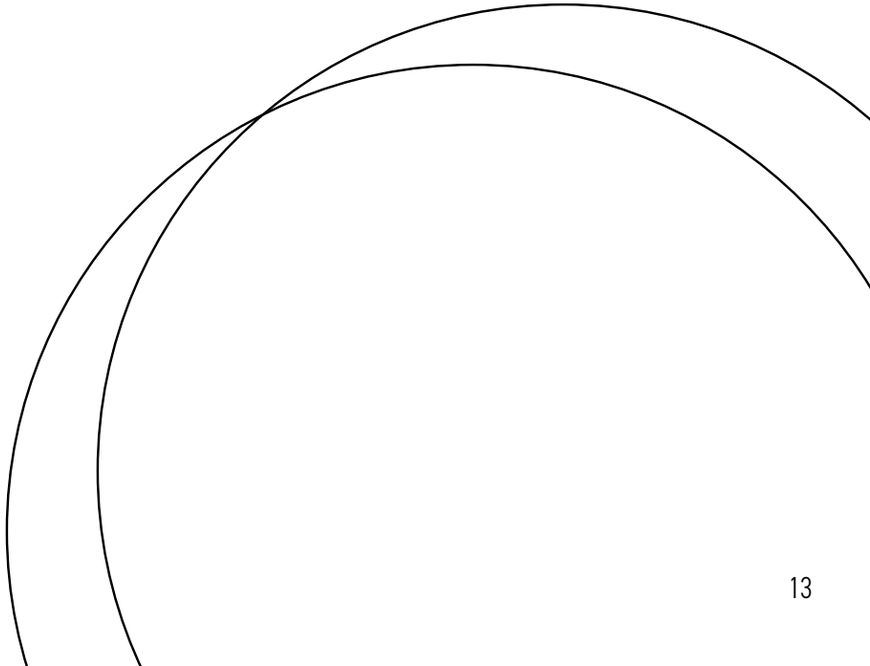
Then did Elijah the prophet break forth like a fire; his words appeared like burning torches. Mighty kings by him were overthrown. He stood on the mount of Sinai and heard the judgments of the future; and in Horeb, its vengeance. And when the Lord would take him away to heaven, lo! there came a fiery chariot, with fiery horses; and he went by a whirlwind to heaven. (ECCLESIASTICUS 48:1,6,7; II KINGS 2:1,11)

39. *Tenor*

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever. (MATTHEW 13:43; ISAIAH 51:11)

42. *Final Chorus*

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our Creator, how excellent Thy name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory. Amen. (ISAIAH 58:8; PSALM 8:1)



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ABOUT THE COVER

Elijah spoke truth in a time of great turmoil, when it would have been easier to stay silent. Throughout Conspirare's history, we have given voice to poets who carry that same courage: naming what is broken, calling for hope, and inviting us into deeper relationship with ourselves, each other, and the natural world. The photos on the cover feature some of these truthtellers. They offer wisdom we can carry with us long after the music ends.

The poets pictured on the cover are listed below, along with the music where you can hear their words.

Octavio Paz, Mexican poet and Nobel laureate, wrote the epic poem *Piedra de sol* (Sunstone). Joby Talbot's setting is available on Conspirare's latest recording.

Sarah Winnemucca, Northern Piute writer and activist, wrote *Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims*. Kile Smith set sections of this autobiography in *The Dawn's Early Light*, which you can hear on *The Singing Guitar*.

Langston Hughes' "I Dream a World" is often read in our concerts, and Margaret Bonds's setting of his poem "Joy" is available on *House of Belonging*.

Eliza Gilkyson's "Requiem" and "Sunflowers" are often performed in arrangements by Craig Hella Johnson and can be heard on *Company of Voices: Conspirare in Concert* and *Requiem*.

Somaia Ramish, poet, writer, journalist and women's rights activist from Afghanistan living in the Netherlands, wrote poetry that Jocelyn Hagen set in *Songs for Muska*.

Michael Dennis Browne, poet and co-librettist of *Considering Matthew Shepard*, wrote the text for Stephen Paulus' "The Road Home."



We will hear from more these and additional truth tellers this season. Our closing concert, ***Still We Sing***, will include powerful texts from nonviolent singing movements around the world.

These voices connect us to our ancestors and to those we have yet to meet.

Read the ***Elijah*** program notes and learn more about Conspirare artists.



CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

is the founding artistic director of Conspirare and one of America's most distinctive voices in choral music. A conductor, composer, and arranger, he is widely recognized for creating deeply expressive musical experiences that connect singers, listeners, and communities. Under his artistic leadership, Conspirare received the 2015 GRAMMY® Award for Best Choral Performance, as well as the coveted European Edison Prize and the Preis der deutschen Schallplattenkritik. Celebrated as a guest conductor of choral and orchestral works, he is regularly invited to lead festivals, honor choirs, and special performances around the world. His concert-length oratorio *Considering Matthew Shepard*, now in its 10th anniversary year, continues to be performed throughout the United States and internationally. Johnson serves as Professor of Practice in the School of Music at Texas State University and is proud to call Austin his musical home.

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Every day, Conspirare brings life-changing music to Austin and beyond. We come together in Song — to create art, to take risks, to play, to express something unique — to breathe together. In the last year, we:

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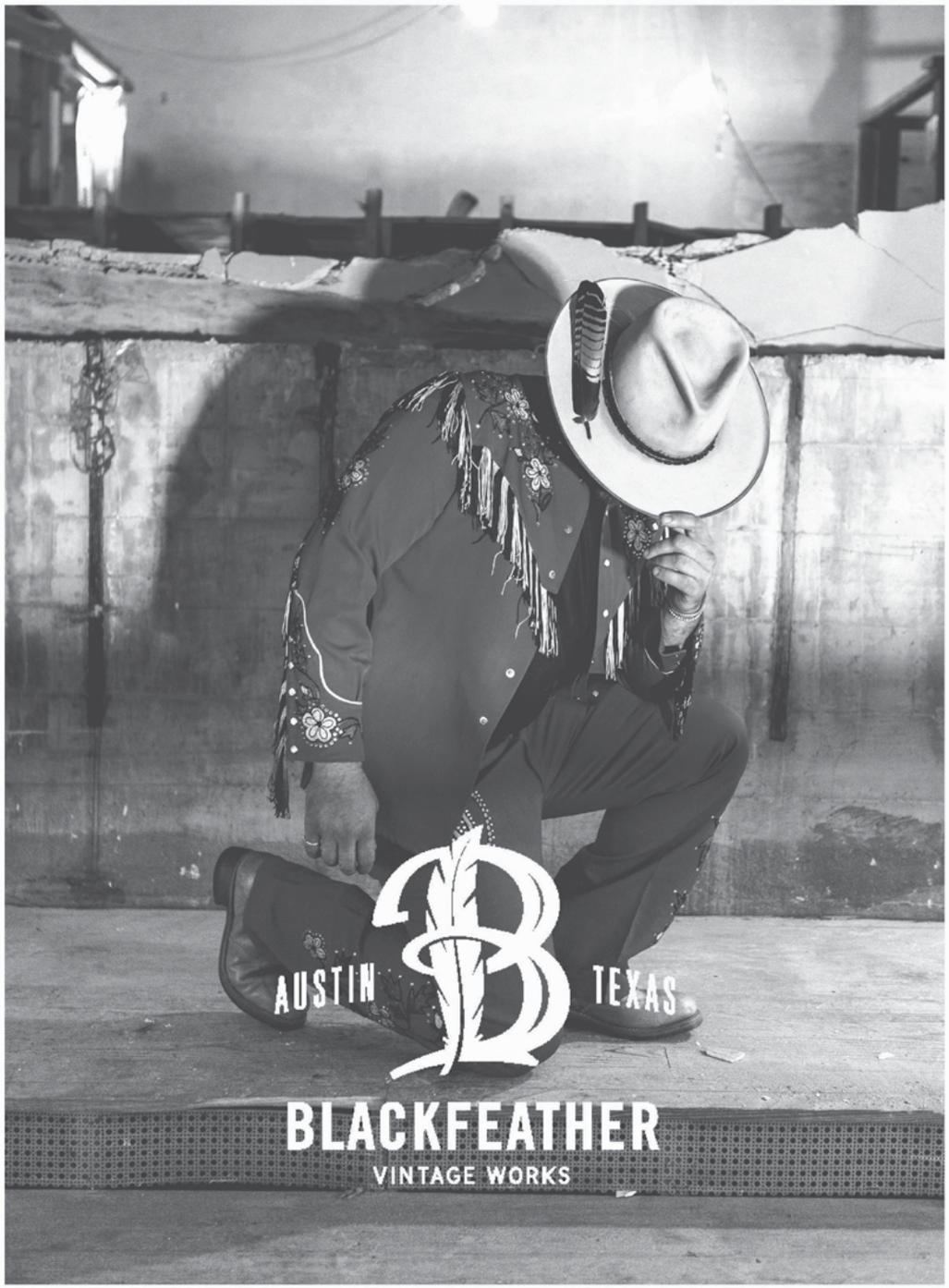
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