

EcoVoice Project Land Acknowledgement

We are a community growing in our practice of earth and water stewardship, gathered here in reflection and music-making along the shores of the largest freshwater lakes in the world. We begin (today/tonight) by acknowledging that we are on the traditional territories of the Three Fire Peoples: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodewadmi. We share this space with one of the largest and most diverse urban Native communities, which includes the Ho-Chunk, Miami, Inoka, Menominee, Sac, and Fox. We recognize that Indigenous peoples are the traditional stewards of the land that we now occupy. Their ancestors lived, worshipped, sang, danced, and thrived here long before Chicago was a city. Seven generations later, they thrive here still. As we make music (today/tonight) on this soil and beside these great lakes, let us reflect upon what we can do to right the historical wrongs of colonization and state violence and to support the rights of Indigenous communities to self-determination and sovereignty. And then, let us do it.