CHELSEA HOLLOW

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Full Biography

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In addition to her solo work, Hollow created <u>Allowed to be Loud (2021)</u> for the students of San Francisco Ruth Asawa School of the Arts (RASOTA) Vocal Department, commissioning song repertoire for young voices using texts by Bay Area high school students, The Kids and Art Foundation, and other anonymous community members. Highlights from the 21 commissioned songs include, "Being a Student in 2020" (Emily Shisko), "The Future Holds Water in a Wicker Basket" (Joel Chapman), and "I am Growing" (JooWan Kim). For more information on Chelsea's work, please visit <u>chelseahollow.com</u>.

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