



Earth to KB

FEATURING: KB BROOKINS

DIRECTOR + EDITOR: EM SHAPIRO PRODUCERS: AN CHEN, ARIEL JUAREZ WRITER: KB BROOKINS

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: LUCIANO MAR GONZALEZ PRODUCTION DESIGN: TERESA GUERRERO

COMPOSER: YVONNE ENIOLA GOODWYNE SOUND DESIGN: MATTHEW LENNON





TECHNICAL INFO:

Runtime: 18:35

Completion year: 2024

Country of origin: USA

Shooting format: digital

Aspect ratio: 1.85:1

SYNOPSIS:

Earth to KB is a documentary portrait of KB Brookins: a Black, queer, and trans writer and artist from Texas. The film explores the expansive worlds within KB's poetry, as well as intimate moments shared with their wife, friends, and community in Austin. KB performs selected poems from their collections, *Freedom House*, and, *How To Identify Yourself With a Wound*.



DIRECTOR'S BIO

Em Shapiro (they/them) is a nonbinary multimedia filmmaker based in Austin, Texas. Their non-fiction storytelling centers narratives of queerness, transness, and disability community. They received the 2023 Austin Film Society Grant for Short Films, and have premiered their work at BFI Flare: London LGBTQIA+ Festival, Vancouver Queer Film Festival, and Bucheon International Animation Festival.



LEAD PROTAGONIST'S BIO

KB Brookins (they/them) is a Black queer and trans writer, educator, and ACLU of Texas Artist-in-Residence. KB's chapbook *How To Identify Yourself with a Wound* won the Saguaro Poetry Prize, a Writer's League of Texas Discovery Prize, and a Stonewall Honor Book Award. Their debut collection *Freedom House* won the American Library Association Barbara Gittings Literature Award and the Texas Institute of Letters Award for Best First Book of Poetry. KB's memoir *Pretty* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2024) won the Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award and the Dorothy Allison/Felice Picano Emerging Writer Award. Follow them online at @earthtokb.

SUPPORTING CAST

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CREW

Director, Editor: Em Shapiro

Writer: KB Brookins

Producer: An Chen, Ariel Juarez

Director of Photography: Luciano Mar Gonzalez

Production Designer: Teresa Guerrero C.

Composer: Yvonne Eniola Goodwyne

Line Producer: Rachael Hatchett, Danielle Kirklin

Assistant Director: Camille Morales-Zayas

Assistant Camera: Ana Lorant, Sofia Reyes

Gaffer: India Opzoomer

Key Grip: Sanaa Henson

Grips: Emma McCutchen, Benji Unanaowo, Tim Chang

Kumar Mayank, Jacob Gusentine, Robin Wasiecek

Costume Design: An Chen

Set Dressers: Claire Garza, Hannah Martinez, Lizanette Velasco, Karla Villegas

Sound Recordists: Hang Luong Nguyen, Nalbeat Kwon, Brynne McGregor

Boom Operator: Chidera Orazulike

Assistant Editor: Ashley Garcia

Sound Design and Mixing: Matthew Lennon

Colorist: Luciano Mar Gonzalez



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