

Mendi + Keith Obadike

ALBEDO for Angela Davis, 2013
Four-Channel Sound Installation

In astronomy, “albedo” is the term used to describe the reflective power of a surface (such as a planet). This four-channel audio work meditates on the work of philosopher and activist Angela Davis, whose complex work has required reflection as well as great courage. ALBEDO begins with a recording of Davis’ voice while instruments trace her speech melody, before moving into a mythical narrative. Commissioned by the American Studies Association, the work was created to honor Davis as she announced the winner of the organization’s Angela Davis Award.

Artwork courtesy of the artists.