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What happens when classical music takes seriously the work of Black avant-garde composers?
What would a creolized musical world look like? And what is the relationship between scholarship and music-making? A conversation with George E. Lewis, Edwin H. Case Professor of American Music at Columbia University.

If you're interested in learning more about Prof Lewis's work, check out:

- His essay on curation at Darmstadt, which we discuss at the beginning of the episode
- His award-winning book A Power Stronger Than Itself: The AACM and American Experimental Music
- His essay "The Situation of a Creole," in the journal Twentieth-Century Music
- His recent essay on Black composers in the New York Times
- Recordings of his music on Soundcloud
- An album of recent works, performed by Dal Niente, on New World Records
- A new piece on the Spektral Quartet's new album
- Mark Swed's recent essay on Lewis's "Shadowgraph, 5" in the LA Times

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Stay tuned for Episode 108, coming next Tuesday, September 8: an interview with Marian Wilson Kimber on elocution and American women making music!