



ARTIST

ISMANI SUN

I create work that centers ancestral memory, cultural resilience, and collective care. Through public art and storytelling, I use light and symbolism to honor Black identity and intergenerational connection. My practice is especially drawn to projects that serve as sacred spaces of remembrance and community healing.

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SKILLS

- **Public Art & Memorial Design:** Site-responsive works that honor history and create sacred, reflective spaces.
- **Durability & Fabrication:** Experienced with steel, glass, wood, and composites; collaborate with engineers for safe, lasting installations.
- **Lighting & Atmosphere:** Integrate LED, solar, and translucent materials; shape environments through light and shadow.
- **Community Engagement & Storytelling:** Grounded in African diasporic traditions and participatory design translating community voices.
- **Design Tools & Visualization:** Proficient in Photoshop, InDesign, Procreate, CAD rendering; skilled in mockups and digital presentations.

AWARD

- IGART "Destination of Art"
Award – International visibility and European exhibition

EXPERIENCE

"BLOOM" – COMMISSIONED ARTWORK

African American Civil War Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. – 2025

- Created a large-scale painting honoring the legacy and resilience of the U.S. Colored Troops.
- Integrated themes of remembrance, justice, and community healing in a nationally visible historic institution.
- Work now included in the museum's permanent collection, representing cultural memory through art.

PUBLIC ART "RIVERLACE" CANOPY – CITY OF SAN ANTONIO (PENDING INSTALLATION)

Community Shade Sculpture, 2026

- Designed a large-scale canopy integrating light patterns, water symbolism, and pedestrian safety.
- Collaborated with engineers, fabricators, and city planners to ensure durability and compliance with public safety standards.
- Conducted community consultation to integrate local voices into the final design.
- Proven experience managing public art budgets of \$150K+.

RXUCKUS BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH EQUITY – VML HEALTH

Illustration Commission, 2024

- Developed an illustration series with poetry addressing systemic inequities in Black maternal health.
- Used symbolism of light and warmth to communicate dignity, care, and survival.
- Blended visual storytelling with advocacy to humanize critical public health issues.

ADDITIONAL ILLUSTRATION & CULTURAL COMMISSIONS (ONGOING)

- Extensive experience translating cultural narratives into visual works that honor history, memory, and resilience.
- Skilled at creating both intimate works and large-scale pieces that balance symbolic storytelling with public engagement.