

Cover Art and Designer



About the Artist

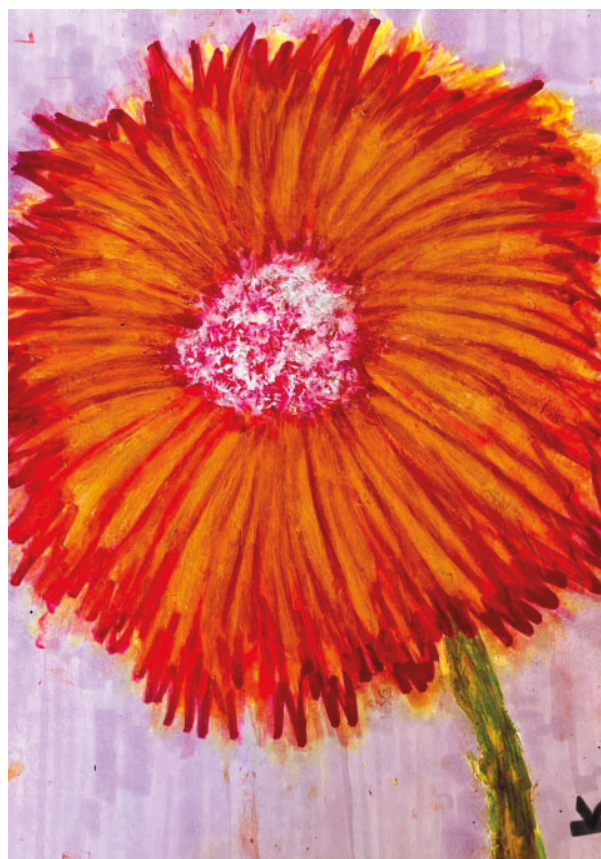
I am Karen Ortiz, and I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to explore the subjects of comparative religion and humanities with a wonderful group of faculty and fellow peers. Together we immersed ourselves into understanding the many worldviews and the importance of respecting our differences.

I am so excited to have started my academic journey in 1988 as a fashion design student in a different space and time. The most amazing thing is that at the end of 2024 I am completing a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies with a minor in Humanities. My interests revolve around global wellbeing and the development of meaningful relationships through dialogue that involves peacebuilding and conflict resolution. I also create art, and I am thrilled to share it with Adelante and the Chico State academic community.

My background in art is inspired by a combination of urban city culture and my

own personal connection with ancestral roots that I reimagine. While living on ancestral Ramaytush Ohlone land in San Francisco I have been infused by the visual essence of the coastal Pacific waters that surround it.

My current artwork focuses on the expression of the spiritual and the relationship with the environment. In my artwork I use textile and mixed media art while exploring the internal dialogue and the process of interpreting nature.



Karen Ortiz

Sunny loves Wind

Acrylic paint, marker, pencil on mixed media paper, 7 x 10 in