



# QUEEN KUKOYI

## ARTIST STATEMENT

Queen Kukoyi (they/she) is a Black Bajan of Igbo and Lokono Ancestry, Queer, Femme presenting, Mother, Author, Educator, Activist, Curator, Award Winning Scholar and International Artist. Queen is currently one of the Neighborhood Arts Network/TAF Community Arts Award finalist; as well as the Executive Director of Operations for BSAM Canada.

As a creative, and her work explores spoken word poetry, digital collage, and animations along with installation work that touch on concepts surrounding the Afrofuturistic meditative space. Queen uses the lens of Afrofuturism 2.0 in her visual arts, mindfulness, and storytelling to facilitate discourse that decolonizes the Black identity and affirms all intersections of Blackness. She practices Afrofuturism 2.0 as an exploration and reclaiming of various black identities through multiple dimensions.

Her work is a Meta-analytical Afrofuturistic convergence of meditation, music, art, and Noetic sciences through spoken word poetry, digital collage, animations, and installation work as performed and lived through intersectional Blackness. Her work allows her to speak about all intersections and amplify the voices of those who share similar experiences.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & WORKSHOPS

- Queer in the Black Future
- Black Placemaking
- Community Collaging
- Narrative Based Healing
- Intersectional Blackness
- Cultural Art Pedagogy
- Digital Art
- Anti-Black Racism
- Transformative Inclusion
- Intersectional Blackness
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- Disrupting the Creative Industry



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**AFROFUTURIST.  
ACTIVIST.  
ARTIST.**

## AREA OF PRACTICE

- Digital Art
- Film
- Digital Collage Animations
- Public Art Installation
- Poetry

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2021| Neighborhood Arts Network | Community Arts Award finalists  
2021| City of Toronto | Shortlisted for Lawrence Heights Triangle Park Public Art Competition  
2020| ArtworxTO | Unveiling Heroes of the Block  
2020| City of Toronto | B3 Emergency Response Funds - ResponseAbility Youth Resilience Program  
2019 | Centennial College | Alumni of Distinction Award  
2019 | Trillium Foundation | Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF)  
2019 | Toronto Arts Council | Community Arts-Baobab Project

## MEDIA

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