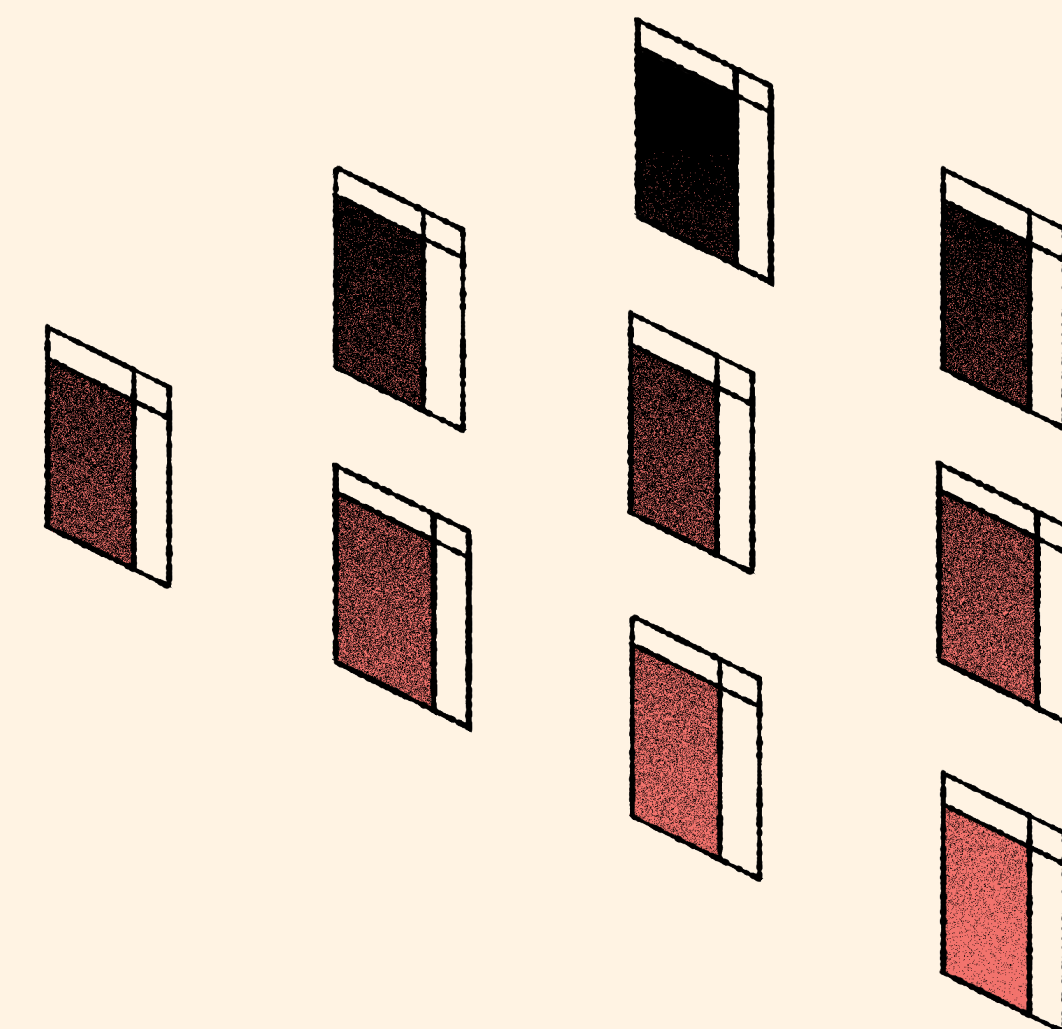


Case Code: M.I.M.O.S.A. 003-3

Item Name: "Ray of Hope"

Creator: DAKU (@daku156)



Creator Manifesto (sometimes called "**Artist Statement**"):

Over the years, DAKU's experiments have led him to conceptualize a unique body of work that explores the ephemeral quality of our existence. Showcasing a unique interaction between nature and architecture, his typographic installations often come alive with a play of shadows, which originate through the rays of the sun.

In one the toughest moments of this millennium, DAKU brings a new installment to this series in Philadelphia. While sun has been metaphorically associated as the catalyst of hope and positivity, this installation literally makes it possible. The word "hope" is transcribed in over 25 languages popularly spoken in our city as reflection on this time, where we all stand together regardless of our ethnic background.

Unlike the previous installations, the words on this installation come alive directly when the sunlight passes through the characters onto the ground. Here, the sun becomes a symbol of energy, one of the truest and consistent gifts of nature, which renews our sense of purpose every day. DAKU invites the public into this experience, reminding them change is not only possible, but inevitable, even in extreme times of despair.

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