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Artist Statement:

I have always been drawn to shiny things—the way a mirror finish sparkles in the light has enamored humans for millennia, and I’m no different. This deep attraction is what led me to love the material of metal and the endless possibilities it holds. In its raw and natural form, metal can seem unassuming, but it has a distinct voice. Much like we do, it has needs, wants, and limits. When I listen and take the time to get to know the metal I’m working with, it becomes one of the most beautiful and expressive materials.

I try to bring this respect for the material into every part of my practice. One of the most important parts of my process is taking the time to ensure that my technical work—especially during fabrication and refinement—is as seamless as possible. I do this in hopes that someone might see the same natural allure in metal that I do.

My goal isn’t just to make beautiful, shiny things. I want to create pieces that remind people of how mystical and meaningful life can be. Every material I use from the metal itself to the stones I set are intentional choices I make in order to imbue my work with a little bit of luck, protection, and fortune. In my most recent body of work I delved into this, bringing objects of power like talismans and amulets into modernity by melding them with my glittery aesthetics. So, while I hope my pieces catch your eye from across the room, I also hope it’s the deeper intention behind them that truly draws you in.

Title	Original Format
Figure 1: Lucky 13	Silver, Shiva Lingam Stone, Amethyst, Ruby, CZ, 20 in x 7 in x 1 in
Figure 2: Lucky 13 (Worn)	Silver, Shiva Lingam Stone, Amethyst, Ruby, CZ, 20 in x 7 in x 1 in
Figure 3: Tooth & Nail	Silver, 24 in x 1 in x 0.3 in
Figure 4: Tea Leaf Reading Set	Brass, Cup: 2.5 in x 4 in x 3 in Spoon: 7.5 in x 0.25 in x 0.5 in
Figure 5: Tea Leaf Reading Set (In use)	Brass, Cup: 2.5 in x 4 in x 3 in Spoon: 7.5 in x 0.25 in x 0.5 in



Figure 1: Lucky 13



Figure 2: Lucky 13 (Worn)



Figure 3: Tooth & Nail



Figure 4: Tea Leaf Reading Set



Figure 5: Tea Leaf Reading Set (In Use)