

UMI SHARES NEW TRACK “OPEN UP” *INTROSPECTION* EP OUT JUNE 21



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Rising Japanese-African-American artist **UMI** unveils a new track “**Open Up**”—listen [here](#) and watch the visualizer [here](#). The song is the second offering from her forthcoming EP ***Introspection*** out **June 21** (a Sunday release, timed to the moon’s position in Cancer) via **Keep Cool/RCA**. A visual accompaniment is slated to arrive alongside the EP, with more details to come.

“‘Open Up’ is a look into my heart space, painted with orange and red hues,” UMI says. “I wrote it about that feeling before a breakup when you’re torn between the guilt of hurting someone else and doing what’s best for you. Capturing my inner dialogue, this song is a moment of introspection.”

The new song follows the release of the [title track](#) of the *Introspection* EP as well as two standalone singles from earlier this year—“[Mother](#),” UMI’s celebration of Mother Nature that was unveiled on Earth Day and “[Picture Perfect](#).” In 2019, her visual EP *Love Language* was released via **Loud Robot**, the music label from **J.J. Abrams’ Bad Robot**. UMI wrote and produced the EP—featuring tracks “[Love Affair](#),” “[Sukidakara](#),” “[Runnin](#)” feat. Yeek and “[Breathe](#)”—in Los Angeles and worked with a team including writer Taofik Kolade (“Atlanta,” “Barry”) and director Will Kindrick (Brian Wilson, Ice Cube, Mates of State) to write, cast, animate and direct the EP’s four episodic components. On *Love Language*, UMI explores race, intersectionality and how love is given and received through the lens of her experience as a mixed-race woman in the music industry. She toured the EP last fall with Conan Gray.

UMI, born Tierra Umi Wilson, is a 21-year-old songwriter, vocalist and producer raised in Seattle and now based in Los Angeles. A former University of Southern California music student, UMI dropped out to focus on her unique R&B sound, acclaimed by *Complex*, *Coup de Main*, *E!*, *Nylon*, *Ones to Watch* and more. Her debut EP *Interlude* was released in 2018, featuring “[Midnight Blues](#).”



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