

# COVER DESIGN ARTIST STATEMENT

## “RHIZOPUS REVELATION”

This image offers a close-up view of a *Rhizopus* sporangia, a pivotal fungal reproductive structure commonly found in diverse ecosystems. Captured in my biodiversity lab, the photograph showcases the vibrant colors that accentuate the sporangia’s intricate details, which often go unnoticed by the naked eye. To add a touch of artistry, a subtle grainy filter was applied, emphasizing the microscopic linework within the image. Additionally, enhanced saturation was used to create a sharper and more vivid representation. With four color variants, this image not only celebrates the captivating beauty of this microscopic world but also underscores the diversity inherent in the natural sciences.

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