SANTES Episode 00 Trailer: Welcome to SANTES!

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LUNA: Hi, I'm Luna Merbruja.

STORMMIGUEL (SMF): And I'm StormMiguel Florez.

LUNA: And this is Santes.

STORMMIGUEL (SMF): A podcast for living ancestors.

LUNA: Aren't all ancestors living, though?

SMF: Great point, Luna. Let's be sure to invite our ancestors during each episode.

LUNA: Love. It! The Santes podcast is actually part of our larger Santes project, which is an information gathering project for trans and queer BIPOC.

SMF: I came up with the idea for the Santes Project out of wanting to know how to connect with my ancestors. I so often want to call on my ancestors, but I'm not always sure how or if they even wanna be bothered. So I thought there must be a way to gather this information while we're living so we can help our loved ones when we pass, if we so choose.

LUNA: We focus on trans and queer BIPOC because of the colonization of our ancestral practices and the queer and transphobic erasure in our communities of origin. In order to maintain agency, we created the Santes tool to empower our community
even after we pass.

SMF: Which also led us to creating a podcast to get the conversation started and to give folks their flowers and recognition while they're still

here. The Santes podcast hosts conversations between BIPOC queer and trans folks to talk about being living ancestors and to share about their life's work.

SMF: Our guests include artists, friends, community members, and sometimes all three. You can find the Santes podcast on Apple Podcast, and Spotify.

LUNA: You can leave your thoughts in the comments section on Instagram @SantesProject.

SMF: And you can check out our next podcast episode and more information about the Santes project at www.santesproject.org.

LUNA: We're so excited for this podcast honoring ancestors and future ancestors. And we hope you are too. See you on the other side!

SMF: And this one too!

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