What you need to know before you go: SCOPE presents Lil Tecca with special guest Tana

Lil Tecca and Tana, artists with a collaboration dating back to 2021, are set to take the SCOPE stage this weekend.

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This spring, for the fourth time in a row, the Student Committee On Popular Entertainment (SCOPE) has been able to schedule a concert in the Whittemore Center Arena. SCOPE will present Lil Tecca with special guest, Tana, on Saturday, April 13. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8:00 p.m.

Meet the artists

Tana, the opening performer, is known for his rapping, singing and songwriting which has given him a successful career in the music industry. Tana, also known by his birth name Steven Lewis, grew up in Columbus, Georgia. Eventually finding his love for music, he first recorded songs in a small closet in his home growing up. Tana would solely engineer, mix and master all his work on Audacity, a free audio editing and recording software, later using FL Studio to improve his craft and overall music.

Tana's original rapper name was Baby Santana, which was back when he was first gaining popularity as a musician. Through apps such as TikTok and SoundCloud, Tana was able to gain streams on hit singles “14,” “AntiSocial” and “Prada,” which would eventually be remixed with Lil Tecca. This would lead to Tana signing with his first major label, Galactic.

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Lil Tecca comes in as the third rap artist to headline a SCOPE concert in their past four shows, the other being country pop singer, Brett Young. Tecca, known to be a rapper and singer-songwriter, first rose to mainstream level with the release of his single “Ransom” back in 2019, which eventually peaked at number four on the Billboard Hot 100. Originally known as Tyler-Justine Sharpe, Tecca grew up in Queens, New York, where he became successful at the young age of 16 leading to his fame as a multi-platinum recording artist.
Months after “Ransom” was released, Tecca officially dropped his debut mixtape, “We Love You Tecca,” on August 30, 2019. The mixtape would peak at number four on the US Billboard 200 and was filled with hit songs such as “Shotz,” “Amigo,” “Love Me” and “Did it Again.” A year later, his debut studio album, “Virgo World,” was released, gaining loads of attention because of his previous music and mixtape that had dropped beforehand. Singles that brought “Virgo World” to the number 10 spot on the Billboard 200 included “Our Time,” “Out of Love” and “Dolly” featuring Lil Uzi Vert.

Lil Tecca's second and third studio albums brought him the same relevancy he had before with “Virgo World.” His highly anticipated first mixtape, “We Love You Tecca,” was so popular it led to Tecca wanting to make a sequel. Songs from Tecca such as “Money on Me” and “Never Left” were made to preview the upcoming sequel, “We Love You Tecca 2.” “We Love You Tecca 2” was released in August of 2021 and included the songs “Lot of Me,” “Repeat It,” featuring Gunna, and “No Discussion”. His most recent album, which will most likely be performed at the SCOPE concert, “TEC” has fully shown his ability to switch up his style, beats and transitions, but make sure to keep his music fresh and exciting at the same time. “TEC” was able to reach a similar position as “Virgo World” at number 10 on the charts, with the chance of another hit single to come from it, “500Lbs.” Other songs included on the album are “HVN On Earth” and “Down With Me.”

Ticket information

Tickets are being sold for the floor and bowl for undergraduates and the general public. For undergraduates, bowl tickets are priced at $30 while the floor tickets are at $45. The general public tickets are priced at $60 for the bowl tickets and $70 for floor tickets. The information for tickets can be found here.

SCOPE has been able to provide UNH students and the Durham community a great chance to see a talented performer live with Lil Tecca. With that being said, students and those interested in attending the show are encouraged to grab a ticket for the annual spring SCOPE concert before they run out.