

#### The dates are finally rolling in!!!

TEXAS IS OPEN! The mask debate still continues, but at least we have the green light to go back to business.

We have been waiting for this moment for a year now. What started out as a two week quarantine changed into a year of heartache. If you own your own business you understand. We wanted to work, we wanted to pay bills, and put food on the table like normal, but our hands were tied. We are ecstatic to look a few months out and see some sort of normalcy.

There are so many of us out there, those people that have chosen to follow their hearts and no matter how stressful chose to work for themselves. The story was nothing new... Those of us who have stressed to continue and keep the doors open were the lucky ones. To the others who were not able and to those who will still be stressing for a while, know you are not alone.

Now more than ever small local businesses need your help. Even if you can't make the purchases or donations they need, support them by sharing their name, shout them out on IG, find YOUR way of supporting. Trust it is all appreciated!

For what we hope to be the last couple asks, please if you can find a way of donating to us or anyone else, show some love. Our bills are way overdue, so are so many others. Please help if you can.

We love y'all, we hope you are all doing well, and we look forward to being wow'd by all of y'alls artwork again soon.

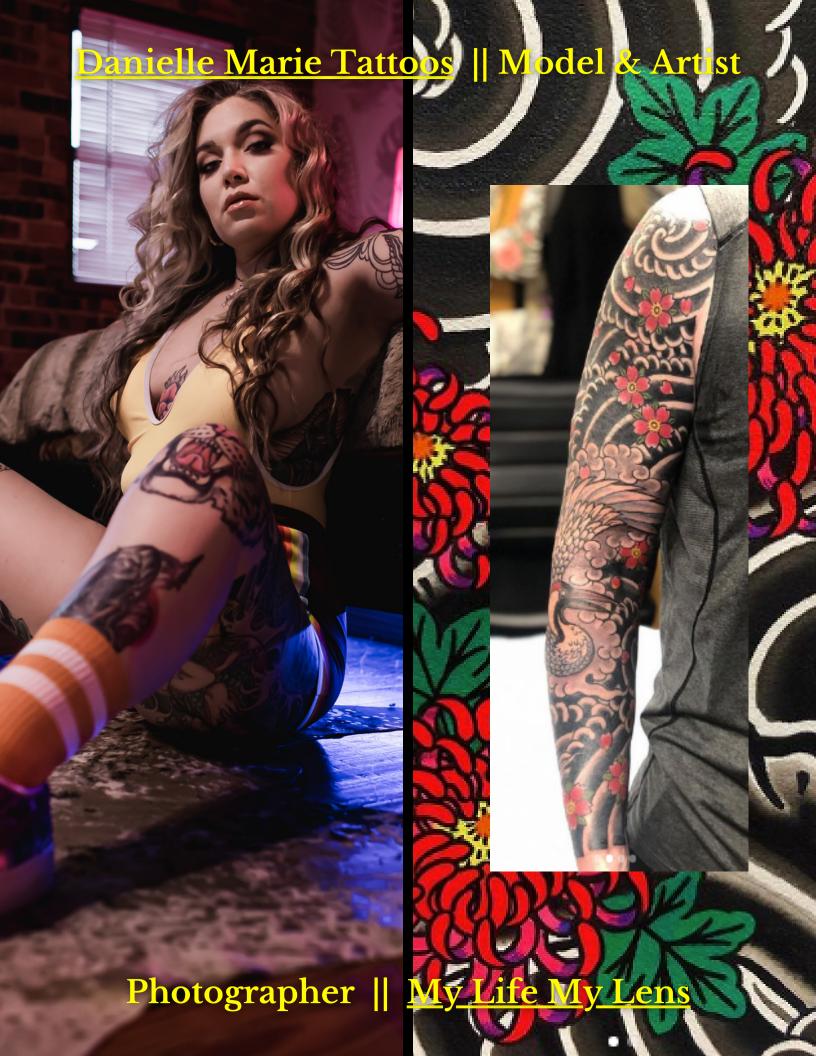


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## THE WOMEN OF RAP

In honor of Women's History Month this playlist pays homage to the women who have graced the microphone over the years. From Roxanne Shante, Lauryn Hill, Missy Elliot to Megan Thee Stallion, Saweetie, Nicki Minaj, and Cardi B; we honor the women who have paved the way and continue to pave the way for women in the rap/hip hop genres.



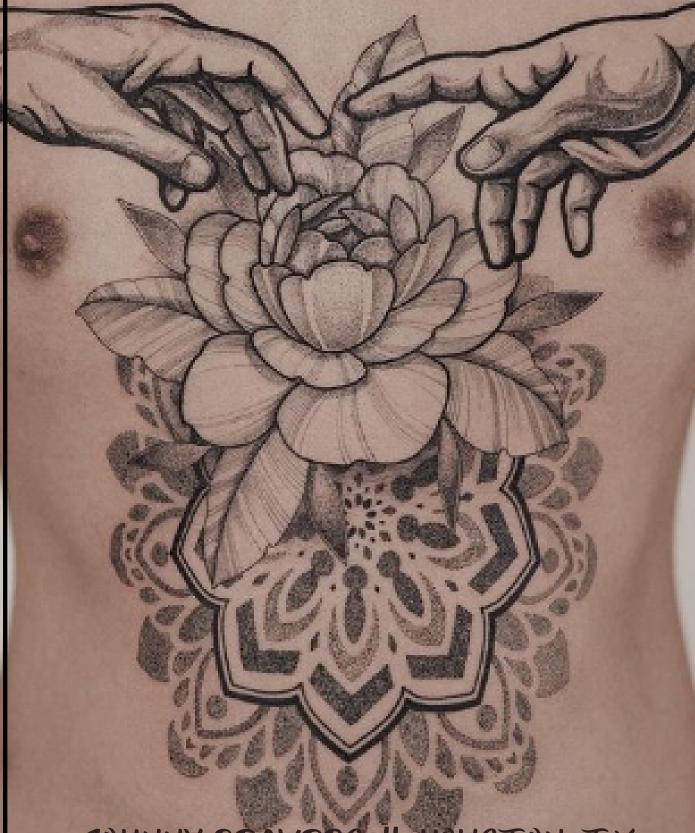
### PAST AND PRESENT







# TATTOO OF THE WEEK



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# DAB5.7

Have you decided to venture into the world of dabbing? Maybe you have been discouraged in the past by all of the moving parts or have been confused by the process. Taking a dab may seem intimidating at first glance but once you get the hang of it it's as easy as riding a bike...or rolling a joint.

The main component difference in consuming dabs out of a rig is the fact that there is a nail instead of a bowl. This nail is thoroughly heated with a torch to get hot enough to properly melt the wax. While you can get away with using a propane torch, butane is usually favored among connoisseurs. The ideal temperature for the "perfect" dab is different for every consumer but preferences usually range from 550-710 degrees fahrenheit. Once you've heated your nail the next step is to time the nail for a "cool down" period. Timing depends on the material your nail is made of and is different for everyone. It's incredibly important to understand that you should NEVER touch or grab your nail after it has been heated up, unlike a bong where you remove the bowl, the nail stays in place and is topped with a carb cap.

Remember the confusing moving parts that we mentioned earlier? A proper carb cap and dabber are on the top of the list. A carb cap is a topper used to control airflow within the nail. Glass carb caps come in a variety of shapes and functions; the most popular of which include bubble, spinner, and directional. A dab tool, which can be made of either glass or metal, is used to assist in scraping your concentrates into the pre-heated nail. Dabbers can be flat, rounded, or shaped like a shovel.

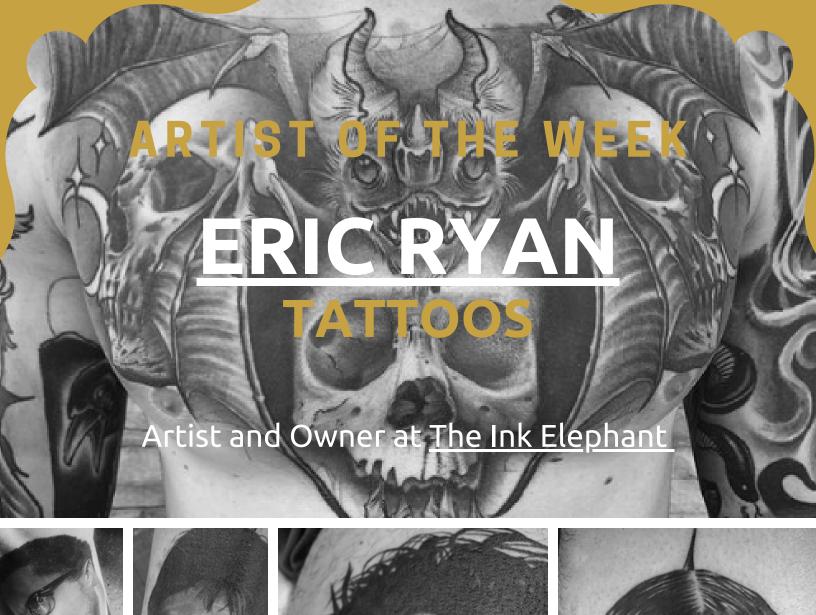
The whole ordeal is not meant to be time consuming but not being prepared once your nail is ready can leave one feeling flustered. Take advantage of the "cool down" period after heating up to scrape your dab and prep a carb cap. After taking a dab it's always good practice to wipe out residual oil with a q-tip to help prevent it from charring when heating up for the next hit.

Like many things in the world of cannabis consumption, personal preferences play a vital role. The process is different for everyone but finding which methods work best through trial and error can leave you with a dab routine that's as easy as rolling a joint.

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