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Meet the Talented Emerging Artists You Should Be Listening to All Summer Long

Check out the musicians PEOPLE will be jamming out to all summer!

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Baby Tate makes music for two groups of listeners: "people with fat pum pum energy and people who desire that within themselves."

Hailing from Atlanta, the 26-year-old rapper and singer grew up watching her mother, Dionne Farris, find success as an R&B-soul musician and felt inspired to become an artist herself. "She was always pushing me subconsciously by setting the example that it was possible," Baby Tate tells PEOPLE.

Beyond her mother, Baby Tate draws inspiration from other "strong-minded" women in music, all known for breaking molds and subverting expectations. "I love Rihanna for all the bold decisions she's inspired within me through music, fashion and her business," she says. "I'm inspired by Nicki Minaj for all the smart, witty and clever ways she approaches rap. I find power in how Missy Elliott always pushes boundaries in music and visual expression."

Baby Tate wants to push boundaries too. Known for empowering rap songs like "I Am," she's currently working on a dual EP, *Mani Pedi*, that'll feature multiple sides of her artistry. "There's 6 R&B songs and 6 rap songs that showcase my duality in music, but also the duality within all of us," she explains, noting that the R&B half "focuses more on love, reflection and manifestation," while the rap half is the opposite — "ego-driven, being petty and talking my s—."

The ethos behind the upcoming project rings true to her overall mission: "I am a force to be reckoned with, I am here to stay and I will forever use my voice to empower and inspire."

Check out Baby Tate's uplifting summer bop, "Yasss Queen."