

# HOPE

Born in Vancouver, BC, Canada, Hope is an underground rapper who grew up on his reservation from a young age in Coast Salish territory. When he was 20 years old, he moved to New York for three life-changing years, meeting and learning from key influential role models in the hip hop and club promotion scene. When Hope moved back to BC, he became one of the founding members of SKS, also known as Status Krew Society - an underground hip hop group that has grown its following through live performance and dedication to the art of rhyme. For Hope, the first step before expression of freedom through voice is freedom through writing. Mastery in this art form comes through the convergence of story-telling and rhyme, but that is only the beginning. The creative challenge deepens with the added elements of incorporating current events and translating his reality into his music for a wide audience of listeners.

Hope has been rapping since 2004. He works closely producing music and performing with Doobie who is his rhyme partner and another SKS founder. Hope also works with his sister, DJ Guilty Pleasures who contributes vocals to several of his tracks including Summertime, Get Free and Ease My Mind, and can be seen DJing at the live shows. Hope has worked with Prevail Wonder (of the Vancouver-based hip hop group Swollen Members) on several songs and in 2013, Hope became a Battle Axe Warrior joining the movement of artists hailing from the West Coast. He currently records at Paranoyd Studios.

SKS have been releasing music since 2011 with their first album, High Seasons. Hope has released several of his own singles including "The Devil's Turn" in 2013 from his self-produced solo album recorded at New Radio Productions and Ampersound Studios. In 2014, Hope released his second project, Lights Out EP which was recorded at his home studio and Ampersound Studios. Hope continues to grow his musical strengths through learning new things at every opportunity that inspire him to keep on creating. With several exciting new projects under his belt featuring impressive collaborations, Hope's future grows brighter at every turn.