**O'Shea Jackson**, better known by his stage name **Ice Cube**, is an American rapper, actor, screenwriter, film director, and producer. He began his career as a member of the hip-hop group C.I.A.( Cru' in Action) and later joined the rap group N.W.A.( Niggaz With Attitude) After leaving N.W.A in December 1989, he built a successful solo career in music, and also as a writer, director, actor and producer in cinema.

O'Shea Jackson was born on June 15, 1969 in Los Angeles, in the South Central area, the son of Doris Jackson (née Benjamin), a hospital clerk and custodian, and Hosea Jackson, who worked as a groundskeeper. According to a 2005 interview with Teenink, O'Shea's half-sister was murdered by her boyfriend in a murder-suicide when he was 12 years old. It all gave a great influence on his future works.

In 1987, Ice Cube and Dr. Dre released the single My Posse, for the group CIA. At first Eazy-E don’t want to accept his accept the lyrics. Later Eazy-E and Ice Cube recorded the song for N.W.A. By this point Ice Cube was a full-time member of N.W.A along with Dr. Dre and MC Ren. However, in 1990, between Ice Cube and Jerry Heller, manager of the group, were some conflicts about the management of the group. As the result of this he left N.W.A.

In February 1990, Ice Cube recorded his debut solo album in Los Angeles along with Bomb Squad. The album Amerikkka's Most Wanted was released in May 1990 and became an instant hit. In 1990 he released the album Death Certificate. Death Certificate was regarded as more focused, yet even more controversial, and critics accused him again of being anti-white, misogynist, and anti-Semitic. His next album, The Predator was released in November 1992. The album became the most successful release in the musical career of Ice Cube. The Predator debuted at number one on both the pop and R&B charts, the first album in history to do so. The album remains his most successful release, with over three million copies sold in the US. In 1994 took a break in his musical career and then Ice Cube had reunited with former N.W.A member Dr. Dre, who was now part of Death Row Records.

In 1998 he released his long awaited solo album - War & Peace Volume 1. War & Peace Volume 2 was released in 2000. Also, this year he took part in a tour Up In Smoke Tour with Dr. Dre, Eminem and Snoop Dogg.

In 2004, his hit singles "Check Yo Self", "It Was a Good Day" and popular song "Guerrillas in tha Mist“, which appeared on popular video game San Andreas.

Ice Cube released his seventh solo album, Laugh Now, Cry Later, in 2006.

The eighth Ice Cube studio LP, titled Raw Footage, was released on August 19, 2008, and featured the singles Gangsta Rap Made Me Do It and Do Ya Thang. In 2009, Ice Cube performed at the Gathering of the Juggalos, and will return to perform at the 2011 festival.

Ice Cube's ninth studio album I Am the West was released on September 28, 2010.

In 2011 he will reunite with N.W.A members MC Ren & Dr. Dre on T-Boz's debut studio album Still Cool on the track "From The South To the Wild Wild West".