



# O'Shea Jackson Jr.

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**O'Shea Jackson Jr.** (born February 24, 1991), also known by his stage name **OMG**, is an American actor and rapper. He is the oldest son of rapper Ice Cube, and portrayed his father in the 2015 biopic *Straight Outta Compton*, which was his feature film debut.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Early life and education

Jackson was born in Los Angeles, California, to O'Shea Jackson Sr, better known as Ice Cube, and Kimberly Woodruff. Jackson was raised in the San Fernando Valley, and is the 1st child of four. He has two brothers, Darrell (younger) and Shareef (younger), and a younger sister, Kareema.<sup>[2]</sup> His brother, Darrell, is also a rapper under the name Doughboy, which is the nickname of the character his father portrayed in his first film, *Boyz n the Hood*. Jackson attended William Howard Taft High School in Woodland Hills, California, from which he graduated in 2009. His father also attended Taft High School, but unlike his father, Jackson was not bused nearly 40 miles home after classes.<sup>[3]</sup> Jackson graduated from the University of Southern California, where he studied screenwriting.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Career

### Film

In June 2014, it was announced that Jackson had been cast to portray his father, Ice Cube, in *Straight Outta Compton*, a biographical film about N.W.A..<sup>[1]</sup> The film was released on August 14, 2015, to positive reviews. Jackson is noted for his physical resemblance to his father, which Ice Cube described as "spot on". "He was born to play the part," he told Jimmy Kimmel in October 2014.<sup>[5]</sup>

In 2017, Jackson played Dan Pinto, the Batman-obsessed aspiring screenwriter, landlord and love interest of Aubrey Plaza's character Ingrid Thorburn in the film *Ingrid Goes West*, with many critics—

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Jackson at the 2018 San Diego Comic-Con

Born	<div>O'Shea Jackson Jr.</div> <div>February 24, 1991</div> <div><span><span>Los Angeles, California, U.S.</span></span></div>
Alma <span> </span> mater	<div><span><span>University of Southern California</span></span></div>
Occupations	Actor <span> </span> <b><span>·</span></b> <span> </span> rapper
Years <span> </span> active	2010–present
Parents	<div><span><span>Ice Cube</span></span></div> <div><span><span>Kimberly Woodruff</span></span></div>
Musical career	
Genres	<span><span>Hip hop</span></span> <span> </span> <b><span>·</span></b> <span> </span> <span><span>gangsta rap</span></span>
Labels	<span><span>Lench Mob</span></span>

including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Vulture* and *Collider*—commenting on his scene-stealing abilities.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> In 2018, Jackson starred in the film *Den of Thieves*, which also included *50 Cent* and *Gerard Butler*.

## Music

In 2010, Jackson and his brother Darrell were featured on the songs "She Couldn't Make It On Her Own" and "Y'all Know How I Am", from their father's album *I Am the West*.

In March 2012, Jackson, under the name *OMG*, released his first *mixtape*, *Jackin' for Beats*, online. *Jazmine Gray* of *Vibe* said, "True to its title, the hip-hop rookie offers his own lyrics over the beats of some of the most popular tracks of the year. The 10-track tape finds the son of a hip hop icon off to a promising start."<sup>[9]</sup>

In an interview with *XXL Magazine*, Jackson said that "Some people say I sound like *OMG*. No one has compared me or tried to match me up with other artists."<sup>[10]</sup>

In 2015, Jackson appeared in *Pia Mia*'s music video for her song "Touch". He also appeared in American hip hop duo *Twenty88*'s music video, "Out of Love", promoting their self-titled debut extended play.<sup>[11]</sup>

## Filmography

### Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2015	<i>Straight Outta Compton</i>	<i>Ice Cube</i>	
2017	<i>Ingrid Goes West</i>	Dan Pinto	
2018	<i>Den of Thieves</i>	Donnie Wilson	
2019	<i>Godzilla: King of the Monsters</i>	Barnes	<i>Post-production</i>
	<i>Flarsky</i>		<i>Post-production</i>
2020	<i>Just Mercy</i>	<i>Anthony Ray Hinton</i>	<i>Post-production</i>

### Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2018	<i>Drunk History</i>	<i>DJ Kool Herc</i>	Episode: "Game Changers"

## Discography

Year	Title	type	Other notes
2012	<i>Jackin' for Beats</i>	Mixtape	
2014	"OMG"	Single	produced by Foreign Allegiance
2015	"Ain't No Place"	Single	produced by Foreign Allegiance

## Guest appearances

Year	Song	Artist	Album
2010	"She Couldn't Make It On Her Own"	<u>Ice Cube</u> (feat. <u>OMG</u> & <u>Doughboy</u> )	<i>I Am the West</i>
	"Y'all Know How I Am"	<u>Ice Cube</u> (feat. <u>OMG</u> , <u>Doughboy</u> , <u>WC</u> & <u>Young Maylay</u> )	

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