

# Will Smith



**Discover one of the actors who played in many great movies all over the world.**

Will Smith is a very famous American actor. He was born in September the twenty fifth of 1968.

## **His Biography :**

He received a baptist education. His parents got divorced when he was thirteen. From the age of thirteen, Will Smith is an intelligent and charismatic pupil. At school, his friends call him "Prince".

When he was twelve, he was influenced by Eddie Murphy and the new hip-hop heroes. When he was sixteen, he met Jeff Townes in the party. They became friends and sang together. Jeff is "DJ Jazzy Jeff" and Smith is "Fresh Prince".

Bright pupil, Smith studied in the Julia Reynolds Master man Laboratory and Demonstration School, a reputable school in Philadelphia. He later refused a scholarship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to focus more seriously on his music career.

Will Smith married Jada Pinkett, actress and singer, on December 31, 1997. They have a son, Jaden Christopher Syre Smith born on July 8, 1998 and a daughter, Willow Camille Reign Smith, born on October 31, 2000. The eldest son of Will Smith, from his first marriage, Willard "Trey" Smith III was born in 1992.

### **His Discography :**

Will Smith then began his musical career as MC of the duo DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, with his friend Jeffrey "DJ Jazzy Jeff" Townes as DJ and producer and Ready Rock C (Clarence Holmes) for the beatbox. In 1987 DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince released their debut album "Rock The House" containing the hit "Girls Is not Nothing But Trouble. Their first big commercial success, "Parents Just Do not Understand", which was released in 1989 earned them a Grammy award in the category Best rap performance. As Smith began to attract the attention of Hollywood, the duo sets its success with He's the DJ, I'm the Rapper, one of the first hip-hop LPs ever to become double platinum. Their comical and flashy style was in contrast with the hip-hop at the time, much harder. The absence of vulgarity in the texts makes their songs ideal for radio stations, and receives the approval of American parents, while reaching all audiences.

### **The Prince of Bel-Air :**

Will Smith in 1993

Despite the popularity and wealth, Smith seeks new challenges. The opportunities are not long in the person of Benny Medina, who had the idea to produce a sitcom based on his life. This idea is transformed in 1990 by the creation of the sitcom The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air for NBC in which Smith takes the title role. The series is the story of a teenager from the streets of Philadelphia who arrived with his uncle in Bel-Air, Los Angeles in a wealthy family. The success was immediate, and the series continued until 1996.

Musically, DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince Summertime realize, from the album Homebase, which won critical praise. In 1993 DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince released their last record together, Code Red.

Subsequently, Smith tries to explore his acting abilities by playing in the movie "Where the Day Takes You", to be recognized by critics in 1993 for his role in Six Degrees of Separation, a film in which he plays the role of a gay actor who refuses to kiss another actor as the script requires. He then follows the advice of his friend Denzel Washington and opposes the director. He modifies the script so reluctantly, that the film does not perform well in theaters. The same year, NBC decides to end the series Prince of Bel-Air at the end of the third season, but the strong reaction of the fans and the mass of incoming encourages the channel to reconsider its position, the final series will be repeated for three more seasons.

### **International Success :**

In 1995, Will Smith was paid \$ 5 million for Bad Boys with Martin Lawrence, a relative commercial success that opened the doors to bigger productions. After the end of the series Prince of Bel-Air in 1996, he devoted himself to his film career with "Independence Day", where he plays Captain Steven Hill, a pilot, alien hunter, with a huge success this time (the film is placed at the time as the second largest global commercial success of film history behind Jurassic Park). The following year, he starred in Men in Black, where he gives the reply to Tommy Lee Jones, then in Enemy of the State in 1998 and Wild Wild

West 1999. He also refuses to play in "Matrix" for "Wild Wild West" running alongside Kevin Kline, the film was a success at the box office. These films made him an international star. In 2001, Smith undergoes an impressive physical transformation to play the boxer Mohamed Ali in Ali. His performance earned him an Oscar nomination in the category "Best Actor" in 2001 but Denzel Washington finally won the trophy.

## Cinema :

| Years                | Original Title  | Title  | Director                         | Role                              | Remarks  |
|----------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">1992</a> | <a href="#">Where the Day Takes You</a>               | <a href="#">Break Out</a>                                | <a href="#">Marc Rocco</a>       | Manny                             |  |
| <a href="#">1993</a> | <a href="#">Made in America</a>                       | <a href="#">Made in America</a>                          | <a href="#">Richard Benjamin</a> | Tea Cake Walters                  | - <a href="#">interpreter</a>  |
| <a href="#">1995</a> | <a href="#">Six Degrees of Separation</a>             | <a href="#">Six degrés de séparation</a>                 | <a href="#">Fred Schepisi</a>    | Paul                              |  |
| <a href="#">1995</a> | <a href="#">Bad Boys</a>                              | <a href="#">Bad Boys</a>                                 | <a href="#">Michael Bay</a>      | Inspector Mike Lowrey             |  |
| <a href="#">1996</a> | <a href="#">Independence Day</a>                      | <a href="#">Independence Day</a>                         | <a href="#">Roland Emmerich</a>  | Captain Steven 'Eagle' Hiller     |  |
| <a href="#">1997</a> | <a href="#">Men in Black</a>                          | <a href="#">Men in Black</a>                             | <a href="#">Barry Sonnenfeld</a> | Officer James Edwards / l'agent J | - <a href="#">composer</a> and <a href="#">interpreter</a>   |
| <a href="#">1998</a> | <a href="#">Welcome to Hollywood</a>                  | <a href="#">Welcome to Hollywood</a>                     | Tony Markes                      | himself                           |  |
| <a href="#">1999</a> | <a href="#">Torrance Rises</a>                        | <a href="#">Torrance rises</a>                           | <a href="#">Spike Jonze</a>      | himself                           |  |
| <a href="#">1999</a> | <a href="#">Enemy of the State</a>                    | <a href="#">Ennemi d'état</a>                            | <a href="#">Tony Scott</a>       | Robert Clayton Dean               |  |
| <a href="#">1999</a> | <a href="#">Wild Wild West</a>                        | <a href="#">Wild Wild West</a>                           | <a href="#">Barry Sonnenfeld</a> | James West                        | - <a href="#">composer</a> et <a href="#">interpreter</a>  |
| <a href="#">1999</a> | <a href="#">The Parent Trap</a>                       | <a href="#">A nous quatre</a>                            | <a href="#">Nancy Meyers</a>     |                                   | - <a href="#">composer</a>   |
| <a href="#">1999</a> | <a href="#">Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me</a> | <a href="#">Austin Powers 2 : L'espion qui m'a tirée</a> | <a href="#">Jay Roach</a>        |                                   | - <a href="#">composer</a>   |
| <a href="#">2001</a> | <a href="#">The Legend of Bagger Vance</a>            | <a href="#">La Légende de Bagger Vance</a>               | <a href="#">Robert Redford</a>   | Bagger Vance                      |  |
| <a href="#">2002</a> | <a href="#">Malibu's Most Wanted</a>                  | <a href="#">Le Rappeur de Malibu</a>                     | <a href="#">John Whitesell</a>   |                                   | - <a href="#">composer</a>   |
| <a href="#">2002</a> | <a href="#">Ali</a>                                   | <a href="#">Ali</a>                                      | <a href="#">Michael Mann</a>     | Muhammad Ali                      | - nominated for <b><a href="#">Oscar For Best Actor</a></b><br>- nomiaated for <b><a href="#">Golden Globe Award</a></b> |
| <a href="#">2002</a> | <a href="#">Men in Black II</a>                       | <a href="#">MIIB</a>                                     | <a href="#">Barry Sonnenfeld</a> | Agent J                           | - <a href="#">composer</a> et <a href="#">interpreter</a>  |
| <a href="#">2003</a> | <a href="#">Ride or Die</a>                           | <a href="#">RAP Connection</a>                           | <a href="#">Craig Ross Jr.</a>   |                                   | - Executive Producer   |
| <a href="#">2003</a> | <a href="#">Bad Boys II</a>                           | <a href="#">Bad Boys II</a>                              | <a href="#">Michael Bay</a>      | Inspector Mike Lowrey             |  |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">The Seat Filler</a>                       | <a href="#">The Seat Filler</a>                          | <a href="#">Nick Castle</a>      |                                   | - Executive Producer   |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">Saving Face</a>                           | <a href="#">Saving Face</a>                              | <a href="#">Alice Wu</a>         |                                   | - Producer   |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">I, Robot</a>                              | <a href="#">I, robot</a>                                 | <a href="#">Alex Proyas</a>      | Del Spooner                       | - Executive Producer   |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">Shark Tale</a>                            | <a href="#">Gang de requins</a>                          | <a href="#">Éric Bergeron</a>    | Oscar (voice)                     | - <a href="#">interpreter</a>  |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">Jersey Girl</a>                           | <a href="#">Père et fille</a>                            | <a href="#">Kévin Smith</a>      | himself                           | -  |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">American Chopper</a>                      | <a href="#">American Chopper</a>                         |                                  | -                                 |  |
| <a href="#">2004</a> | <a href="#">ATL</a>                                   | <a href="#">ATL</a>                                      | <a href="#">Chris Robinson</a>   |                                   | - Producer   |

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|----------------------|--|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <u>2005</u>          | <u><i>Hitch</i></u>                    | <u><i>Hitch, expert en séduction</i></u> | <u>Andy Tennant</u>          | Alex Hitchens<br>"Hitch" | - Producer   |
|                      |  |  |                              |                          | - Producer<br>- nominated for<br><u><i>Oscar for Best Actor</i></u>  |
| <u>2007</u>          | <u><i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i></u> | <u><i>À la recherche du bonheur</i></u>  | <u>Gabriele Muccino</u>      | Chris Gardner            | - nominated for<br><u><i>Golden Globe Award</i></u><br>- nominated for<br><u><i>Screen Actors Guild Awards</i></u> |
| <u>2007</u>          | <u><i>I Am Legend</i></u>              | <u><i>Je suis une légende</i></u>        | <u>Francis Lawrence</u>      | Robert Neville           |  |
| <u>2008</u>          | <u><i>Hancock</i></u>                  | <u><i>Hancock</i></u>                    | <u>Peter Berg</u>            | Hancock                  | - Producer   |
| <u>2008</u>          | <u><i>Lakeview Terrace</i></u>         | <u><i>Harcelés</i></u>                   | <u>Neil LaBute</u>           |                          | - Producer   |
| <u>2009</u>          | <u><i>Seven Pounds</i></u>             | <u><i>Sept vies</i></u>                  | <u>Gabriele Muccino</u>      | Ben Thomas               | - Producer   |
| <u>2009</u>          | <u><i>The Secret Life of Bees</i></u>  | <u><i>Le Secret de Lily Owens</i></u>    | <u>Gina Prince-Bythewood</u> |                          | - Producer   |
| <u>2010</u>          | <u><i>Old Boy</i></u>                  | <u><i>Old Boy</i></u>                    | <u>Steven Spielberg</u>      |                          | - Producer<br>- en pre-production  |
| <u>2010</u>          | <u><i>The Karate Kid</i></u>           | <u><i>The Karaté Kid</i></u>             | <u>Harald Zwart</u>          |                          | - Producer<br>- Shooting   |
| <i>Prochainement</i> | <i>The Last Pharaoh</i>                | <u><i>The Last Pharaoh</i></u>           |                              | Taharqa                  | - In progress  |
| <i>Prochainement</i> | <i>Hancock 2</i>                       | <u><i>Hancock 2</i></u>                  | <u>Peter Berg</u>            | Hancock                  | - In progres   |