

LL COOL J is an entertainment icon who has found great success crossing into multiple mediums. He is a two-time Grammy® Award winner, multi-platinum recording artist, talented television and film actor, author, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Celebrating 30 years since he first burst onto the scene, LL today continues his vibrant, trailblazing career and displays his wide range of talents with every project he takes on. First introduced to the world as Def Jam Records flagship artist, LL released his debut studio album *Radio* on November 18, 1985. Since then, he has become the first rap artist to amass ten consecutive platinum-plus selling albums. Currently starring in the hit television show *NCIS: Los Angeles* (CBS), the two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominee continues his unprecedented musical expedition three decades after he first released music.

#### **Albums – *Billboard* certified Gold and Platinum**

2006 *Todd Smith* – Gold  
2004 *The DEFinition* – Gold  
2002 *10* – Gold  
2000 *G.O.A.T.* – Platinum  
1997 *Phenomenon* – Platinum  
1995 *Mr. Smith* – 2x Platinum  
1993 *14 Shots to the Dome* – Gold  
1990 *Mama Said Knock You Out* – 2x Platinum  
1989 *Walking with a Panther* – Platinum  
1987 *Bigger and Deffer* – 2x Platinum  
1985 *Radio* – Platinum

#### **Grammy Awards**

2012 – 2015 Host of the Grammy Awards  
2005 Nominated *The DEFinition* – Best Rap Album  
2004 Nominated *Luv U Better* – Best Rap/Sung Collaboration  
1998 Nominated *Ain't Nobody* – Best Rap Solo Performance  
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1997 Won *Hey Lover* – Best Rap Solo Performance  
1997 Nominated *Mr. Smith* – Best Rap Album  
1994 Nominated *Stand By Your Man* – Best Rap Solo Performance  
1993 Nominated *Strictly Business* – Best Rap Solo Performance  
1992 Won *Mama Said Knock You Out* – Best Rap Solo Performance  
1989 Nominated *Going Back To Cali* – Best Rap Performance

#### **MTV Video Music Awards**

1997 Won Video Vanguard Award  
1996 Nominated *Doin' It* – Best Rap Video  
1991 Won *Mama Said Knock You Out* – Best Rap Video

#### **NAACP Image Awards**

2014 Won *NCIS: Los Angeles* - Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series  
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2011 Won *NCIS: Los Angeles* - Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series  
2010 Nominated *NCIS: Los Angeles* - Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series  
2003 Won Outstanding Male Artist  
2001 Nominated *G.O.A.T.* – Outstanding Hip-Hop/Rap Artist  
2000 Nominated *Deep Blue Sea* - Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture  
1998 Nominated *In the House*- Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series  
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1996 Nominated *In the House*- Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series

#### **Primetime Emmy Awards**

2012 Nominated *The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards* - Outstanding Special Class Programs

**BET Hip Hop Awards**

2011 *I Am Hip Hop Award*

**Soul Train Awards**

2003 Quincy Jones Award for "*Outstanding Career Achievements in the Field of Entertainment*" and recipient of more than 10 Soul Train Awards

**Kids Choice Awards**

1997 Nominated *In the House* – Favorite Television Actor

**Teen Choice Awards**

2013 Won *NCIS: Los Angeles* – Choice TV Actor

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2006 Nominated *Last Holiday* - Choice Liplock

2005 Nominated *Mindhunters* - Choice Rap Artist in a Movie

**ShoWest Convention, USA**

2003 Won *ShoWest Award* - Male Star of Tomorrow

**Acting**

Over the years, LL has appeared in more than 30 films and starred opposite such acclaimed actors such as Robert De Niro, Samuel L. Jackson, Al Pacino, Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz, Gabrielle Union, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Spacey and Queen Latifah.

**Misc./Philanthropic**

2014 *Honorary Doctor of Arts* Northeastern University

2012 Chrysalis Butterfly Ball honoree for his work creating a pathway to self-sufficiency

2003 – 2014 Founder of *Jump & Ball*, which provides recreational activities, team building, and social skills to youth in his hometown of St. Albans, Queens, NY

*New York Times* Bestseller author of *LL COOL J's Platinum 360 Diet and Lifestyle* in and *LL COOL J's Platinum Workout*

2007 Inducted to the Long Island Music Hall of Fame

Founder of Boomdizzle "Myconnect Studio" that allows two artists anywhere in the world to create music in real time