

Hip Hop Gangsta Rap Luminary Ice Cube Readies Album and Tour

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Following the 2006 release of the critically acclaimed, Laugh Now, Cry Later, Hip Hop / Gangsta Rap luminary Ice Cube, aka O'shea Jackson from South Central Los Angeles, makes his highly anticipated return to the mic with the debut of his eighth solo LP, titled 'Raw Footage'.

One of the West Coast's greatest Hip Hop / Rap lyricist is back again with 'Raw Footage', which will be released by Ice Cube's independently owned label, Lench Mob Records. The album will hit shelves and online on August 19th.

With production from producers such as Maestro, Emile, DJ Crazy Toones, Teak "Da Beatsmith" Underdue and Dee Underdue and featuring hip hop and rap guests Musiq Soulchild, Young Jeezy, The Game and WC, Ice Cube is looking to continue his reign as rap's heavy weight champion, showcasing his creative and lyrical genius throughout 17 solid tracks.

The first release 'buzz' single "Gangsta Rap Made Me Do It," which MTV boasted as the first great song and video of 2008, was released earlier in the year. Now Ice Cube follows up with the album's first official single and video, "Do Ya Thang." You can check it out at www.icecube.com

As he readies for the highly anticipated release of Raw Footage, Cube will kick off an International tour on July 11th in Leipzig, Germany for 11 dates which will lead into his US tour starting on August 21st in Seattle and ending on September 21st in New York City .

Watch for 'Raw Footage' by Ice Cube to drop August 19th.

Ice Cube Tour Dates are as follows:

July 2008

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11 – Leipzig , Germany – Splash Festival

12 – Frauenfeld , Switzerland – Openair Frauenfeld

14 – London , UK – Electric Ballroom

15 – Tilburg , Netherlands – 013

16 – Amsterdam , Holland – Melkweg

18 – Dour, Belgium – Dour Music Festival

19 – Stuttgart , Germany – MTV Hip Hop Open

21 – Stockholm , Sweden – Kagelbanan

23 – Helsinki , Finland – Helsinki Icehall

25 – Copenhagen , Denmark – KB Hallen

26 – Oslo , Norway – Rockefeller Music Hall

August 2008

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21 - Seattle , WA - Showbox at the Market

22 - Portland, OR - Roseland Theater

24 - Salt Lake City, UT - The Depot

26 - San Francisco, CA - The Fillmore

27 - Bakersfield , CA - The Fox

29 - Anaheim , CA - The Grove

30 - Las Vegas , NV - House of Blues

September 2008

1 - West Hollywood , CA - House of Blues

2 - San Diego , CA - 4th and B

3 - Tempe , AZ - Marquee Theatre

5 - Albuquerque , NM - Sunshine Theatre

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6 - Aspen, CO - Belly Up Aspen

7 - Denver, CO - Ogden Theatre

9 - North Kansas City, MO - Harrah's North Kansas City/Voodoo Lounge

10 - St. Paul, MN - Myth

12 - Fort Wayne, IN - Piere's

13 - Chicago, IL - House of Blues

14 - Cleveland , OH - House of Blues

16 - Mt. Clemens , MI - Emerald Theatre

17 - Johnson City , NY - Magic City Music Hall

19 - Philadelphia , PA - The Fillmore at Theater of Living Arts

21 - New York , NY - The Fillmore New York at Irving Plaza