

# Fresh Prince turns 40



■ **1968:** *Willard Christopher Smith* born September 25, in Philadelphia

■ **1984:** With friend *Jeff Townes* forms rap music partnership as *DJ Jazzy Jeff* and *the Fresh Prince*

■ **1988:** Wins first ever Grammy in Rap category for *Parents Just Don't Understand*

■ **1990:** Specially written sitcom, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, launches Smith's acting career

■ **1996-97:** Gains international fame in blockbuster movies *Independence Day* and *Men in Black*

■ **2001:** Receives first Oscar nomination for his portrayal of boxer *Muhammad Ali* in biopic *Ali*

■ **2006:** Wins second Oscar nod, for *The Pursuit of Happyness*

■ **2008:** *Hancock* is Smith's eighth consecutive film to gross over \$100m in U.S. – only actor to achieve this