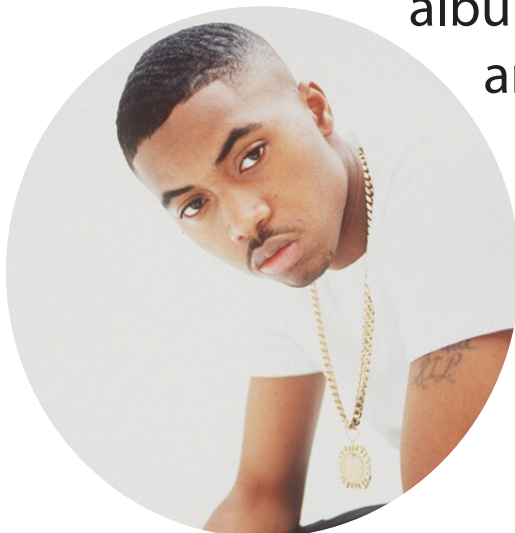


Nas

Nasir bin Olu Dara Jones, known by his stage name Nas, was born on September 14, 1973 in New York City. Nas' music career began in 1989 when he was 16 years old, and his debut album "Illmatic" released in 1994 launched him into incredible success and acclaim. He followed this with the record-smashing hit "If I Ruled the World (Imagine That)" featuring Lauryn Hill. By this point, Nas was already considered a legend; his debut album is still considered to be one of the best of all time, and his lyricism is unmatched. Nas was a part of a very public four-year-long feud with Jay-Z, releasing a diss track "Ether" which blew the feud out of the water. Eventually, the feud was resolved, and Nas was signed to Jay-Z's Def Jam Recordings where he continued to put out albums with never-before-seen lyricism



and talent that smashed records left and right. Nas uses his lyrics and talent to tell the stories of neighborhoods and people living in poverty, inequity, and strife, using his voice to make powerful calls to action.

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After years of success, Nas finally won his first Grammy in 2021 for Best Rap Album and has continually been named one of the top lyricists, rappers, and artists of all time. Of his fourteen released studio albums, ten are certified gold, platinum, or multi-platinum.

Nas' impact on society and music can only be described with one word: GOAT

