

Melvin Glover aka **Grand Master Melle Mel** is a Song writer, Poet, Producer, Artist and a member of the Furious Five.

Members of the group were Kid Creole (Mel's Brother), Mr. Ness (Scorpio), Rahiem, Keith Cowboy (RIP) and Melle Mel.

They performed at local clubs throughout the Bronx, like the PAL on 183rd street & Webster avenue.

Melle Mel is a Master of Ceremony. He electrifies the crowd with a commanding voice and powerful lyrics.

He is an innovator, the type of artist that everyone copied, followed and imitated. At only 5'9", Melle Mel's

lyrics stood taller than the World Trade Center. Arguably one of the Greatest MC's of all time and a

trailblazers of the Hip Hop Culture. He wrote lyrics for himself and members of the group.

In 1979, Melle Mel recorded his first record (Superrappin) on Enjoy records with the Furious Five.

When the group moved to SugarHill records, Melle Mel became the house of hits. One of his biggest hits

was "the Message" recorded in 1982. A socially charged single that was partially written 5-6 years prior.

The single went Platinum in less than a month. One of Melle Mel's most famous lyric on the single was

"A Child is born with no state of mind, blind to the ways of mankind".

Mel's lyrics began to open the eyes to many social issues in America that paved the way for more hits.

The Message was the first Hip Hop record inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Melle Mel went on to write, produce and arrange "White Lines, Survival and New York, New York"

In 1984, Melle Mel gained greater success when he wrote the title song for the movie "Beat Street"

Beat Street was one of the first Hip Hop movies made in the early 1980's. It illustrated the life and

culture of Hip Hop in the South Bronx. When He became Grand Master Melle Mel, his fame and glory

was unsurpassable. Mel became one of the first Hip Hop artist to collaborating with some of the

great artist in the music industry. He was featured on Chaka Khan's "I Feel for you" and a

soundtrack for the hit TV Show "Miami Vice". He then performed with The King Dream (National Holiday)

and Artists United Against Apartheid (Sun City) and won two Grammy Awards for his work with

Quincy Jones (Back on the Black). Mele Mel wrote a Children's book (The Portal in the Park)

which features two songs by Mel and Lady Gaga. When Mel began touring around the world,

He was one of the first Hip Hop artist to speak french on his records.

In 2007, Mel released his first Solo Album "Muscles" The first single and video was "M3".

Today, Mel continues to tour around the world, performing and collaborating with various artist.

He is one of the Great Hip Hop artist that laid the foundation and ground work for artist today.

Melle Mel is the Hip Hop Culture, there would be no Cardi B, no JayZ....without Melle Mel

paving the way for future artist to succeed. Salute!!!!