

# A Rick James Biopic Is In The Planning Stages



A biopic about the late funk icon Rick James is reportedly in the planning stages according to [thejasminebrand.com](http://thejasminebrand.com). James was a formidable force in music during the late '70s and was one of the biggest stars of the '80s. He was responsible for hits like "Super Freak" and "Cold Blooded" and he wrote and produced songs for Teena Marie, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, The Mary Jane Girls and Eddie Murphy. He had a famous rivalry with Prince in 1980 when he took him on tour as his opening act only to later accuse him of stealing his style.Â

In the '90s James was no longer in the spotlight because of his excessive rock and roll lifestyle that had him addicted to drugs and getting into trouble with the law. Dave Chappelle brought him back to the mainstream in the 2000s with the late Charlie Murphy on his skit comedy show. James passed in 2004 at the age of 56 and his posthumous album, *Deeper Still* was released in 2007. The biopic is in the pre-production stage and no director or cast has been named yet.Â

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