

# Chief



Earl "Chief" Mclean Jr. is an American rapper from Brooklyn, New York. He often cites many notable emcees as his influences, including Tupac Shakur, the Notorious B.I.G., Jay-Z, KRS-I, and Kendrick Lamar.

Chief made his first recordings at the age of sixteen. A high school junior, he was primarily interested in playing sports, but he would often write lyrics during the offseason. He continued to hone his rap skills as a member of the group V.O.C. or Voice of the City. A collaboration between Chief and his neighborhood friends, V.O.C. played their music at parties to gain fans. "We used to rap about money, cars, partying, etc., but I wasn't really into that," Chief recalls.

***"I wanted to write rhymes with a meaning to help people get through their lives."***

After graduating from high school, Chief pursued an accounting degree from the New York City of Technology College. However, he became frustrated with the struggles of balancing a chaotic, part-time job at McDonald's with his education. Chief soon enlisted in the U.S. Navy to create more financial freedom for himself as he began to establish his rap career.

Chief is set to release his debut project entitled P.E.A.C.E. in the Fall 2015. Executive produced by Aaron K. Hamilton of Akhorn Media, the extended play will introduce his thoughtful, intuitive and conscious style and flow to the hip hop industry.

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