

## Boyz n the Hood (1991)

Directed & Screenplay by John Singleton

### Cast

Cuba Gooding Jr.....Tre Styles  
Icecube.....Doughboy  
Morris Chestnut.....Rikcy  
Laurence Fishburn....."Furious" Styles  
Angela Bassett.....Reva Styles  
Nia Long.....Brandi

### Awards

#### Oscar Nominations (2)

Best Director - **John Singleton** (first African-American and youngest person ever nominated for Best Director at the time)

Best Original Screenplay – John Singleton

\*\*\*\* **National Film Registry** \*\*\*\*

Selected by the Library of Congress in **2002** for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant"

### Plot Synopsis

*Boyz n the Hood* follows Tre Styles, a bright teenager sent to live with his disciplined father, Furious, in South Central Los Angeles. Growing up amid gang violence, drugs, and poverty, Tre tries to stay on the right path alongside his childhood friends, Ricky, an aspiring athlete, and Doughboy, who becomes involved in gang life. The friends' lives begin to diverge as they face choices shaped by their environment. A tragic act of violence claims Ricky's life, forcing Tre to confront the realities of his community and the consequences of revenge. Ultimately, the film is a powerful coming-of-age story about survival, responsibility, and the impact of systemic inequality.

