

New Exhibit!
Honoring
Paul Robeson



The Clark Virtual Museum

NEWSLETTER

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The Clark Virtual Museum
"More Than A Museum, We Honor The Life and Legacy of Our Ancestor"

What's New

- The Clark Virtual Museum features a new exhibit honoring the life and legacy of Paul Robeson, the first Black movie star! The Robeson exhibit premieres September 30th!
- Paul Robeson, incomparable star of stage & screen, orator, singer, lawyer, scholar, athlete author and freedom fighter! He was "the tallest man in the forest"



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The Clark Virtual Museum honors the life and legacy of Paul Robeson

Paul Leroy Robeson was the first Black movie star in America! He was 6 foot, 3 inches in height, handsome, intelligent and multi-talented! Robeson was called "the tallest man in the forest". Robeson was a genuine American hero. He spoke out against racism and injustice regardless of the consequences. He marched for the civil rights of Blacks, coal miners, steel workers and common people in America and abroad.

Robeson attended Rutgers College where he was an All-American football player. He graduated valedictorian of his class and went on to play football in the NFL. Robeson enrolled in Columbia University Law School and earned his LLB. After graduating from Columbia University Law School he worked in a law office. During that time he appeared in several all-black musicals which helped to launch his career as an actor and performer.



"Art is not just to show life as it is, but to show life as it should be."



to fight for freedom or for slavery. I have made my choice. I had no alternative."

-Paul Robeson



Paul Robeson “The Incomparable”

Robeson’s acting career spanned nearly 50 years. At the height of his career he was one of the highest paid performers in America. His most acclaimed acting performances included “Othello,” “Showboat,” “Song Of Freedom”, “Proud Valley” and “The Emperor Jones”. Robeson commanded the attention of his audience. His oratory and deep bass baritone voice was unique and incomparable! Tens of thousands of people came to concert halls to hear him sing. Robeson captivated his audience with songs such as “John Henry”, “Ol Man River” and “Go Down Moses”. His performances were instrumental in elevating Black spiritual songs into mainstream music.

Robeson’s history of supporting civil rights causes caught the attention of the U.S. government, J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. He and his wife Elanda were under constant FBI surveillance. After Robeson visited Russia he was called to testify before The House Un-American Activities Committee. The committee repeatedly questioned him on whether he was a communist. Robeson refused to answer the question and invoked his 5th amendment rights! Robeson said “You want to shut up every Negro who has the courage to stand up and fight for the rights of his people, for the rights of workers and I have been on many a picket line for the steelworkers too. And that is why I am here today.”

The U.S. State Department revoked Robeson’s passport preventing him from traveling abroad for his concerts. Under an air of suspicion recording companies destroyed Robeson’s albums and shelved his movies. His concerts were canceled and his ability to make a living as a performer was severely impacted. Eventually Robeson’s passport was reinstated but the damage done would never be rectified. Even today Robeson’s extraordinary accomplishments are still not fully recognized and applauded!

To learn more about Paul Robeson view our exhibit in The Clark Virtual Museum. Also read the following books by Paul Robeson “Here I Stand”; “Paul Robeson Speaks, Writings, Speeches, Interviews 1918-1974”; and “Paul Robeson -Negro”



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Best Regards, Rose X (Clark) Morris,, Founder and Curator of The Clark Virtual Museum <https://ClarkVirtualMuseum.com>

