

Marian Anderson: Classical Singer, Trailblazer, Icon

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) navigated discrimination and adversity to become one of the most celebrated musicians from Philadelphia. She learned to sing at an early age with her church choir at the Union Baptist Church in South Philly. She performed across the United States and Europe, played for troops during World War II, and gave benefit concerts to support the 1960s civil rights movement. In 1955, she became the first black person to perform at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. She lived a long and remarkable life, full of musical, philanthropic, and civic achievements.

