

MARION ANDERSON

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Child Hood

- Marian was born on Feb 27, 1897 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania!!



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- Marian's child hood was not easy. Her family was very poor and couldn't afford good education for there children. When she was 8 she was in the church choir. When she was 13 the church invited her to join the senior choir, of course she excepted.



Family

Marian Anderson was the oldest of three daughters her parents are John and Anna Anderson. In 1912, John suffered a head wound at work and died soon after. Anna and her three daughters moved in with John's parents, while Anna found work cleaning, laundering and scrubbing floors.

Marian grandparent's loved having there Grandchildren around but was upset there son had died.



EDUCATION



- Marian didn't have a good education. In high school Marian attended William Penn High School. Soon she transferred to South Philadelphia High School, focusing on music and singing frequently at assemblies, and graduating at age 18!!



Occupation

Marian was in school until she was 18, and graduated high school. As a teenager, Marian Anderson worked at low-paying jobs in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in order to earn money for her singing lessons.

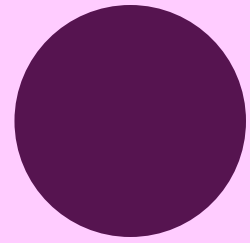
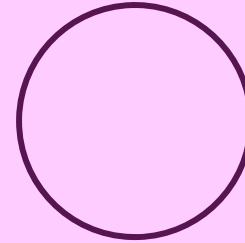
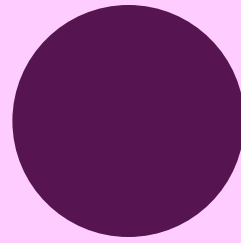
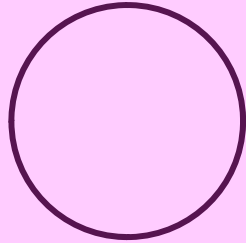
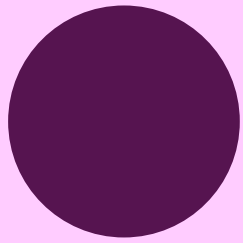
Marian sang in lot's of concert's, she earned lots of money from singing in the concerts. Marian put almost 40% of her profit to the mother and grandparent's.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Marian was the first African American (female) to be a singer / mostly in opera. The John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and The Fairfield County Community Foundation (in Connecticut) initiated a joint collaboration in September 2002 to present a \$15,000 award every other year beginning in January 2003 to a mid-career male or female American vocalist..
- Marian was a brave person to enter in the world of arts, people put her down and said she doesn't belong there until they heard her sing. Then they apologized every time they saw her.

Marian Anderson: "A voice like her's is heard only once in a hundred years."

- When People heard Marian sing they would say : "A voice like yours is heard only once in a hundred years." and it was true we still haven't had a voice like her since her.



- *I have never been able to analyze the qualities that the audience contributes to a performance. The most important, I think, are sympathy, open-mindedness, expectancy, faith, and a certain support to your effort. I know that my career could not have been what it is without all these things, which have come from many people. The knowledge of the feelings other people have expended on me has kept me going when times were hard. That knowledge has been a responsibility, a challenge, and an inspiration. It has been the path to development and growth. The faith and confidence of others in me have been like shining, guiding stars.*
- --Marian Anderson



INFORMATION

The members of the Union Baptist Church gave a benefit concert to raise money for Marian to take private singing lessons. The advertisements for the concert had a picture of Marian and the words, "Come and hear the baby contralto, ten years old." And thousands of people did come and here her sing!!!!

DEATH

- Marian Anderson died on April 8, 1993 in Portland, OR she's buried in Eden Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA Marian died because heart failure.



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