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## AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH 2009

The celebration of African American Music Appreciation Month began as Black Music Month and is traditionally observed in the month of June. The designation of June as Black Music Month was established in 1979 by President Jimmy Carter at the urging of Kenny Gamble, songwriter and record producer. The celebration serves to recognize the contributions made by African Americans to all facets of American music. Learn more about these contributions by using the resources presented in this guide. Be sure to take a look at the **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC MEDIA GUIDE** which serves as a supplement to the current guide.

The following link will take you to the U. S. Presidential proclamation announcing the 2009 African American Music Appreciation Month celebration.

[THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE: AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH, 2009](#)

### Using the Online Catalog

Use the [Library Catalog](#) to find books available in this library. You may find books that provide a broad overview and others that give more in-depth information. By doing a subject search you will retrieve listings of books that include information on African American music and musicians. You can search names of individuals as a subject search to find biographical books, or search by the type of music that interests you. A few subject headings to try are listed below:

#### Subject headings:

African Americans in popular culture	Blacks Music
African Americans Music	Blacks Music History and criticism
African Americans Music History and criticism	Blues (Music)
Country music	Hip-hop
Gospel music	Music Social aspects African Americans
Gospel music History and criticism	Music Social aspects United States
Jazz	Popular music United States
Jazz musicians	Rap (Music)
Gospel music	

Enter a name as a **subject** search:

Anderson, Marian  
Robeson, Paul

Sample **keyword** searches:

Cajun music  
Zydeco

### Selected Reference Books

Your search for information can include books, magazines, journals, newspapers, and authoritative Internet Resources. Reference books are a good starting point for gathering background information. Use the index of each source to locate information.

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## AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH 2009

### All Music Guide ...

#### ... Popular Music

REF ML156.9 .A38 2001

#### ... Classical Music

REF ML156.9 .A385 2005

#### ... Best Recordings in Country Music

REF ML156.4.C7 A45 1997

#### ... Jazz Music

REF ML156.4.J3 A45 2002

### ... Rock, Pop, and Soul

REF ML156.9 .A39 2002

#### ... R&B and Soul

REF ML156.4.S6 A45 2003

#### ... Blues

REF ML156.4.B6 A45 2003

#### ...Best Blues Recordings

REF ML156.4.B6 A55 1996

### American Musical Traditions

REF ML3551 .A53 2002 v. 2: *African American Music*

### Blues

REF ML102 .B6 W45 2006

### Contemporary Musicians

REF 385 .C615

### Chronology of American Musical Theater

REF ML1711.8 .N3 N67 2002

*Use the index to look up Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle*

### Country

REF ML3524 .C66 1994

*Use index to find "blacks and black music/musicians"*

### Encyclopedia of the Blues

REF ML 102 .B6 E53 2006

### Encyclopedia of Country Music

REF ML102 .C7 E54 1998

### Encyclopedia of Musical Theatre

REF ML 102 .M88 G3 2001

*Look up "Shuffle Along"*

### Encyclopedia of Pop, Rock and Soul

REF ML 102 .P66 S8 1989

### Encyclopedia of Popular Music

REF ML 102 .P66 G84 2006

### Encyclopedia of Rap and Hip-hop Culture

REF ML102 .R27 B96 2006

### Ethnic and Border Music: A Regional Exploration

REF ML 3551 .E73 2007

*Look for information on Cajun and Zydeco music*

### Film Composers in America

REF ML128 .M7 M3 2000

### From Spirituals to Symphonies

REF ML 390 .W16 2002

### Greenwood Encyclopedia of Rock History

REF ML3534 .G754 2006

### International Dictionary of Black Composers

REF ML105 .I5 1999

### International Who's Who in Music

REF ML105 .I57 1996

### New Grove Dictionary of American Music

REF ML101 .U6 N48 1986

### New Grove Dictionary of Jazz

REF ML102 .J N48 2002

### New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians

REF ML102 .N48 2001

### Oxford Companion to Jazz

REF ML3507 .O94 2000

### Rap Whoz Who

REF ML400 .S77 1996

### Rhythm and Blues, Rap, and Hip-hop

REF ML102 .P66 H6 2007

### Virgin Encyclopedia of Jazz

REF ML102 .J3 V5 2004

### Women Composers

REF M2 .W88 1995

### Women and Music in America Since 1900

REF ML82 .W625

## Databases & E-Resources

### [African American Experience](#)

A research tool for African American history and culture. Part of the Greenwood Publishing American Mosaic collection.

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### [Ethnic NewsWatch](#)

Multidisciplinary, full-text collection of the newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses. Covers current and historical topics.

### [MasterFILE Premier](#)

A multidisciplinary database that provides full text for nearly 1,750 general reference publications with full text information dating as far back as 1975.

### [Oxford African American Studies Center](#)

Provides access to reference sources in African American studies featuring the *Encyclopedia of African American History*; the *African American National Biography* project; *Black Women in America*; and the *Africana*, a history of the African and African American experience.

### [Oxford Music Online](#)

The gateway to music research and the access point for the *Encyclopedia of Popular Music*, *Grove Music Online*, *The Oxford Dictionary of Music*, and *The Oxford Companion to Music*.

### [Project Muse](#) (no remote access available)

Provides access to the full-text to more than 180 scholarly and peer-reviewed journal titles in history, literature, philosophy, religion, theater, music and film, among others.

### [NewsBank InfoWeb](#)

Provides access to articles from U.S. regional, national, and international newspapers, wire services, and broadcasts that cover a broad range of topics, issues, and events. It is the gateway to *Access World News*.

### [ProQuest Newspapers](#)

Provides access to newspaper citations and articles from *Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*.

### [World Book Encyclopedia Complete Suite](#)

Based on the World Book Encyclopedia, the suite includes more than 40,000 articles, 270,000 primary source documents, and 5000 e-books.

## Selected Internet Sites

Some of the sites listed here also provide access to audio files. Additional sites featuring audio and video files are listed in a separate **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC MEDIA GUIDE**.

### [African America Art Song Alliance](#)

### [African American Film Composers](#)

### [AfriClassical: Audio Clips](#)

### [Afrocentric Voices](#)

Use the left side bar to visit various pages on biography, the gallery [link from individual images to further information], etc.

### [Black Past](#)

Search for individuals, music genre [opera, hip-hop, etc.], or music generally.

### [Black Past: Online Encyclopedia of Significant People and Places in African American History](#)

### [The Blues: A Multimedia Celebration](#)

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## **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH 2009**

**Brown University Library Center for Digital Initiatives: African American Sheet Music**

**Celebrating African-Americans in Folk Music**

Also contains links to Jazz, Blues, and Hip-Hop music history.

**Columbia College (Chicago): Center for Black Music Research: Styles and Genres**

**Digital Schomburg Images of 19th Century African Americans: Music**

**Federal Resources for Educational Excellence: Music**

**Jazz Roots**

**African-American Band Music & Recordings, 1883-1923**

**Library of Congress: African American Sheet Music**

**Louis Armstrong House Museum**

Click on items in the left menu and link to a biographical timeline, bibliography, discography, and multimedia content, including audio and video clips.

**Main Street Press: Black Swan's Other Artists**

**Negro Spirituals**

**PBS: The Blues**

**PBS: Jazz**

Find history, biographies and more.

**PBS: People & Events: African American Music in Stephen Foster's Time**

**Penn State University Library - Marian Anderson: A Life in Song**

Read about Marian Anderson and listen to audio clips of her voice.

**Red Hot Jazz Archive**

Access information by following the links provided in the footer to bands, musicians, etc. as well as additional links within each article. Audio files require the Real Audio Player Plug-in for playback.

**Smithsonian: Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn**