

# Pearl Bailey

Pearl Bailey is known by many for her career as one of the world's finest entertainers and vocalists. She is also reknowned for her personal commitment to helping others. Bailey began singing and entertaining as a young girl, and before long she was captivating audiences throughout the world. She performed in multiple venues, from night clubs to the Broadway stage to television. Just a few of the hits she appeared in are *Variety Girl*, *Isn't It Romantic*, *Carmen Jones*, *That Certain Feeling*, *St. Louis Blues*, and *Porgy and Bess*. She received the highest honor in theater, the Tony Award. Along with her career as an accomplished performer, Bailey had an amazing personal commitment to helping others. She was the United States Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations. She spoke to the World Health Organization about the importance of world cooperation and concern about AIDS. Bailey also worked with former First Lady Barbara Bush on her nationwide literacy campaign in 1989. She spoke to young people throughout the nation about commitment and contribution while working for child abuse prevention and family cohesiveness.