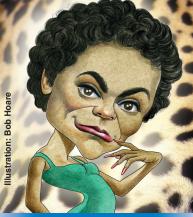
## Kitt still purring



## EARTHA KITT

- ▶ Born: January 17, 1927, in *South Carolina*, illegitimate child of white father and black/Cherokee mother
- ▶ 1940s: Joins *Katherine Dunham Company*, first African-American modern dance troupe
- ▶ 1952: Revue New Faces of 1952 introduces three of her most famous songs, Monotonous, C'est Si Bon and Santa Baby
- ▶ 1958: Movie debut opposite Sidney Poitier in The Mark of the Hawk
- ▶ 1967: Cast as *Catwoman* in TV series *Batman*
- ▶ 1968-78: Bases herself in Europe when work dries up in U.S. after Kitt expresses strong anti-Vietnam War views at White House lunch hosted by First Lady *Lady Bird Johnson*
- ▶ 1978: Triumphant return to Broadway in musical *Timbuktu!* heralds career revival
- ➤ 2007: Still a regular fixture of Manhattan cabaret scene as she nears her 80th birthday

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