

# Lena Horne turns 90



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## LENA HORNE

- ▶ **Born:** Brooklyn, NY, June 30, 1917
- ▶ **1933-38:** Plays to packed houses at famed **Cotton Club** in Harlem
- ▶ **1942:** First black performer to sign long-term contract with major Hollywood studio – **MGM**
- ▶ **1943:** Rendition of **Stormy Weather** in movie of same name brings fame
- ▶ **1947:** Weds white bandleader **Lennie Hayton**, despite hostility to inter-racial marriage
- ▶ **1960s:** Actively involved in Civil Rights Movement
- ▶ **1981:** Broadway show **Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music**, wins special **Tony** award
- ▶ **1989:** Receives **Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award**
- ▶ **2006:** **Seasons of a Life**, album of rare and unreleased recordings as well as signature songs, released