

Lena Horne dies



■ **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

■ **May 9, 2010:** Lena Horne dies at age of 92