

Fun Facts About Mahalia Jackson

- Mahalia was the first gospel singer to have a regular show on network radio.
- In 1997, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame chose her as an honoree.
- Mahalia sang for Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy.
- Singer Billy Preston appeared with Mahalia in the movie *St. Louis Blues* in 1958 and went on to act as one of her accompanists. Later he played keyboard for the Beatles and became a rock-and-roll star in his own right.
- In describing Mahalia Jackson, Martin Luther King said, “A voice like this comes, not once in a century, but once in a millennium.”

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