



February 2018 Her Story ENewsletter Extraordinary Entertainers

Only twelve artists have achieved the entertainer's equivalent of 'horsedom's' Triple Crown - EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Awards) and four of them are women. The four are Rita Moreno, Helen Hayes, Audrey Hepburn, and Whoopi Goldberg. In this month's enewsletter we learn more about Helen Hayes and Whoopi Goldberg.

The "First Lady of American Theater" Helen Hayes had an entertainment career of almost eight decades. She began her amazing career with a stage debut at age five, and a silent film debut at age ten. She also appeared in professional theater productions while attending primary and secondary school. Hayes received one Emmy and eight Emmy nominations for her work in television. The Emmy came in 1953 for Best Actress. Her Emmy nominations spanned from 1951 to 1978. Hayes received her Grammy Award in 1976 for the Best Spoken Word Recording for Great American Documents. She was nominated again in 1979 for Orson Welles/Helen Hayes at Their Best in the Best Spoken Word, Documentary or Drama Recording category.



Helen Hayes

Hayes received her first Oscar in 1932 for Best Actress in the movie *The Sin of Madelon Claudet*. Her second Oscar was in 1971 for Best Supporting Actress for her role in *Airport*. She received her first of two Tonys in 1947 for Best Lead Actress in *Happy Birthday*. Her second, in 1958 was for *Time Remembered*. Hayes also received a Special Tony Award in 1980. Hayes received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Reagan in 1986, the National Medal of the Arts, has a theater named after her in the Broadway Theater District and has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame



Whoopi Goldberg

Whoopi Goldberg is the second African-American woman to win an Oscar (after Hattie McDaniel in 1940 for *Gone with the Wind*). Her first theater work was a one-woman show on Broadway in 1984 and 1985, the recording of which won a Grammy. The Broadway show led to her being cast in the movie, *The Color Purple*, for which she earned her first Oscar nomination. Goldberg has nine Primetime Emmy nominations. She has received a Daytime Emmy Award twice (2002 and 2009) and has been nominated an additional thirteen times for that award.

Goldberg won her Grammy in 1986 for Best Comedy Recording for *Whoopi Goldberg (Original Broadway Show Recording)*, the recording of her Broadway show.

Goldberg was nominated for the 1986 Best Actress Oscar for her work in *The Color Purple*. She received the 1990 Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in *Ghost*. She has over 170 acting credits for her television and movie roles. Her Tony came in 2002 for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She has two additional Tony nominations for Best Special Theatrical Event (2005) and Best Musical (2011).

Helen Hayes and Whoopi Goldberg are among the more than 850 women profiled in our book *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America*. Women's accomplishments continue to inspire and encourage us. Help us to tell women's stories!

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