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HARRY BELAFONTE

With a career in music, film and social activism spanning more than 60 years, Harry Belafonte has always been an advocate for social change. Though widely known for his calypso hits “Jump in the Line” and “The Banana Boat Song (Day-O),” his commitment to social change has been just as enduring.

A close friend of Martin Luther King Jr., Belafonte was heavily involved in the civil rights movement, participating in King's March on Washington and donating to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. He also campaigned to end apartheid in South Africa; helped to organize the song “We Are the World,” which benefited famine relief in Africa; and served as a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF.

In 2014, Belafonte received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Recently, he founded the Sankofa Justice & Equity Fund, a nonprofit social justice organization that uses the power of culture and celebrity in partnership with activism. The organization allows artists to contribute their talents to build awareness and confront issues that negatively impact marginalized communities.

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