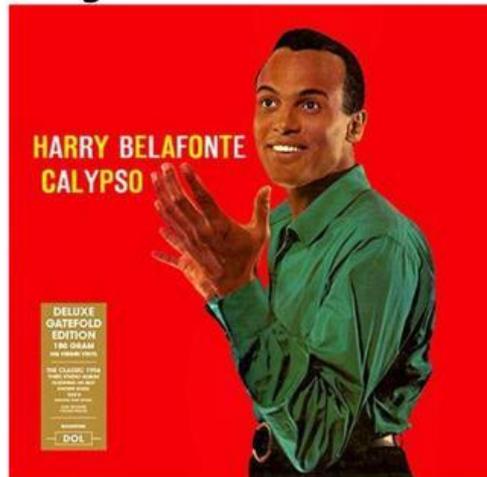


Harry Belafonte dies at 96



Reporter: His made Harry Belafonte But growing up in and, his mother taught him to it to do more than entertain.

Harry Belafonte: She would say to me, never go to at night knowing that you have spent a in which you have done nothing to try to change

Reporter: And Belafonte started early, joining the navy at, to serve in the pacific, during After the war, he sang in before receiving a Tony award for his Broadway debut. Next came in Hollywood, including an Academy Award for Carmen Jones. His career was one of firsts. The first African-American to win an Emmy. His album "Calypso" became the first to sell copies. Through it all Belafonte made his voice heard. A of Martin Luther King, Belafonte marshalled celebrities to the cause of

Belafonte: "No one can deny the fact that played a huge role in how minds and hearts were opened and touched".

Reporter : At King's, he shed tears besides King's widow.

Belafonte: "I roam the streets, leaderless".

Reporter: Belafonte spent on the front lines, apartheid, calling for a ban on weapons. To fight in Africa, Harry Belafonte once again gathered to raise and more than \$60 million. In, Bill Clinton awarded Belafonte the National Medal of Arts. Belafonte spent more than as a UNICEF goodwill Ambassador and dedicated his later years to inspiring of artist activists.

Belafonte: You still have, you still have As long as these things exist, there's always gonna be something to do but that cannot distract the fact that that we are on the

Reporter: A way paved in part by a man and his music.
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