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PEARL BAILEY, one of America's best loved entertainers, was raised in Washington, D.C. where her father was a minister. Following in the footsteps of her brother Bill, who was famous for his tap-dancing, she began her own entertainment career in 1933 as a singer with various popular bands.

Miss Bailey was with the first USO troupe during World War II, and subsequently has entertained service men and women stationed around the world. She was presented the USO Woman of the Year Award in 1969.

Pearl Bailey made her stage debut in *St. Louis Woman* in 1946. She then went on to star in a number of motion pictures including *Carmen Jones*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *That Certain Feeling*. However, of all her stage and screen roles, Miss Bailey is probably best known for *Hello Dolly*, the Broadway hit for which she won a special Tony Award. Following this stage triumph, she won *Cue* magazine's Entertainer of the Year Award (1968).

In addition to being a much sought-after theater and nightclub performer, Miss Bailey is a highly successful recording artist and a popular guest on various television programs. She is also the author of four books, including her autobiography, *Raw Pearl*.

Pearl Bailey's career as a performer and goodwill ambassador for America has gained her the affection of people all over the world. This esteem has been symbolized by the presentation of significant awards and honors including the First Order of Arts and Science of Egypt, given her by President Sadat, and the Myshallah, bestowed upon her on the same occasion by Mrs. Sadat.

