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CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN PRESENTING

African Americans' Music at the Movies

An in-person film history presentation by John LeGear *Monday, February 6, 2023 at 1 pm*

- Opening tune performed by Lloyd Williams in 1978

1. **Black or White** music video by **Michael Jackson** premiered in 27 countries (1991) for an audience of 500 million; John Landis directed
2. **Stormy Weather** movie medley (1943) starring Lena Horne, Bill Robinson, Cab Calloway and The Nicholas Brothers
3. **Driving Miss Daisy** (set in 1948) starring Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman featuring the song "Drive My Car" by **The Beatles**
4. **Ray** (movie montage) starring Jamie Foxx as **Ray Charles** (set early 1950s to 1960s) co-starring Kerry Washington and Regina King
5. **Say Hey (The Willie Mays song)** by **The Treniers** (1954) from the HBO documentary of the same name (2022)
6. **African American influences on Elvis** Presley's early life from the film **Elvis** (2022) starring Austin Butler, directed by Baz Luhrmann
7. **When I Fall in Love** by Nat King Cole as featured on **The Nat King Cole Show**, a historic milestone, December 28, 1956
8. **All I Could Do is Cry** by Beyonce playing Etta James from the film **Cadillac Records** (set in 1960), with Adrien Brody and Jeffrey Wright
9. **A Letter from My Baby** by Timmy Shaw from the film **Green Book** (set in 1962) starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen
10. **I'll Try Something New** (1962) by Smokey Robinson as featured in **Hitsville: The Making of Motown** (2019) with founder Berry Gordy
11. **Where Did Our Love Go** (1964) by **The Supremes**, excerpted from **Hitsville: The Making of Motown** (2019)
12. **Abraham, Martin and John** by Dion (1968) pays tribute to four assassinated American leaders
13. **Hello Dolly!** (1969) starring Barbra Streisand with Louis Armstrong as they perform the title song
14. **Let's Go Crazy** by Prince from his first film **Purple Rain** (1984), co-starring Apollonia and Morris Day
15. **Sinbad HBO Comedy Special** (1990) highlights, featuring "dating" and "bikini underwear"
16. **I Will Follow You (Finale)** from the film **Sister Act** (1992) starring Whoopi Goldberg, Kathy Najimy, Wendy Makkena and Maggie Smith
17. **Move/I Love You I Do/Dreamgirls** medley from **Dreamgirls** starring Chicagoan Jennifer Hudson, Beyonce and Anika Noni Rose (2006)
18. **Taking a Chance on Love** from **Cabin in the Sky** (1943) by Ethel Waters with Eddie Anderson, directed by Vincente Minnelli
19. **President Barack Obama** sings at **The Apollo Theater** (2012)…a brief bit of Al Green's classic tune **Let's Stay Together**
20. **Think** by Aretha Franklin from **The Blues Brothers** starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd with Matt Murphy and Lou Marini (1980)

- **Please note:** Selections are subject to change from time to time.

A live film history presentation spanning the past 80 years

It is impossible to capture and catalog a comprehensive collection of photography, film, and music that sufficiently reflects all that African Americans have brought to the ever-evolving culture of the United States over the past 80 years.

But in this 80-minute presentation, narrator John LeGear examines some of the many ways African American writers, musicians, performers and others have enriched "The American Experience." Please join us for this lyrical, thought-provoking multi-media presentation. It'll set your toes to tappin' and bring joy to your heart.

A brief Question & Answer period with open discussion will follow the show.