



## Hollywood: Her Story August 2021 ENewsletter EGOT Winners

When we recently viewed the documentary *Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided To Go For It*, we were reminded that Rita Moreno is one of the few EGOT winners – someone who has won at least one each of an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award. Six women can claim EGOT status and we are proud to profile them in this newsletter.



During her eighty-year entertainment career, **Helen Hayes** was a stage and film actress. She has two Oscars to her credit. In 1933 she won the Best Actress Oscar in her sound film debut for *The Sin of Madelon Claudet*. In 1971, Hayes won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for *Airport*. Her Emmy win, out of nine nominations, was in 1953 for Best Actress when she portrayed Harriet Beecher Stowe. In 1977, she won a shared Grammy for Best Spoken Word Recording for *Great American Documents*. Hayes was nominated for another Grammy in 1980 in the category of Best Spoken Word, Documentary or Drama Recording (shared with Orson Welles) for *Orson Welles/Helen Hayes at Their Best*. Hayes received two Tony awards, an additional nomination and a Lifetime Achievement Award for her work on the stage. She received her first Tony in 1947 for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play for her role as Addie in *Happy Birthday*. Her second Tony was in 1958 in the same category for *Time Remembered*. The “First Lady of Theater” also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Medal of Arts and she has been inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame.



The first Latina to be an EGOT winner, **Rita Moreno** is an actress, singer and dancer. She won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 1962 for her role as Anita in *West Side Story*. Her two Emmy wins, out of ten nominations, were in 1977 for *The Muppet Show* and in 1978 for *The Rockford Files*. Moreno shared a Grammy in 1973 for Best Children’s Album for *The Electric Company*. Her 1975 Tony was for Best Featured Actress in a Play for her work in *The Ritz*. Still growing strong after a six-decade entertainment career, Moreno is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Peabody Award, and the Kennedy Center Honors.



Ranked as the third greatest movie star in Golden Age Hollywood by the American Film Institute, **Audrey Hepburn** won the 1954 Best Actress Oscar for *Roman Holiday* and received four additional Best Actress Oscar nominations. Hepburn won a Best Actress in a Play Tony in 1954 for *Ondine* and a Special Tony in 1968. Later in her life, Hepburn devoted much of her time to UNICEF and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Hepburn did not live to see a number of her awards which she received after her death in 1993. In that year she posthumously received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and an Emmy in the category of Outstanding Individual Achievement – Informational Programming. Her Grammy was also posthumous, in 1994, in the category of Best Spoken Word Album for Children – *Audrey Hepburn’s Enchanted Tales*.

**Whoopi Goldberg** is the first African American to be an EGOT winner and the only African-American woman. She not only won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 1991 for her work in *Ghost*, she has been nominated for the Best Actress Oscar for *The Color Purple* (1986) and hosted the Academy Awards show itself four times. Goldberg has been nominated for more than twenty-five Emmys and has won twice. Her shared 2002 Emmy was for Outstanding Special Class Special for *Beyond Tara: The Extraordinary Life of Hattie McDaniel* and her shared 2009 Emmy was for Outstanding Talk



Show Host on *The View*. Goldberg has been nominated for two Grammy Awards, both in the category of Best Comedy Album, and won one. Her win was in 1986 for *Whoopi Goldberg: Original Broadway Show Recording* and her 1989 nomination was for *Fontaine: Why Am I Straight?* She has received three Tony Award nominations and won in the category of Best Musical in 2002 for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, which she produced. Goldberg is an honorary Harlem Globetrotter and has been named a Disney Legend.



Singer, writer, director, producer and actress **Barbra Streisand** won her first Oscar in 1969 – Best Actress for *Funny Girl*. In 1977, her second Oscar was in the category of Best Music, Original Song from the movie *A Star is Born*. She has three additional nominations one each in the categories of Best Actress, Best Picture and Best Music, Original Song. Streisand has won five Emmys out of more than a dozen nominations. The Emmys were won for *Reel Models: The First Women of Film*, *My Name is Barbra*, and *Barbra: The Concert*. She has been nominated for more than forty Grammys, has won nine, and four of her albums have been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame: *People*, *Funny Girl*, *The Barbra Streisand Album*, and *The Way We Were*. Streisand has also received the

Grammy Legend Award and the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1970, she was named the Star of the Decade by the Tony Awards. Streisand has received the Kennedy Center Honors, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Peabody Award.



Actress and singer **Liza Minnelli** won the Best Actress Oscar in 1973 for *Cabaret*. She had previously been nominated in the same category in 1970 for *The Sterile Cuckoo*. Minnelli shared an Emmy in 1973 in the category of Outstanding Single Program – Variety and Popular Music for *Liza with a Z*. In 1991, she received the Grammy Legend Award. Minelli won three Tony Awards and has been honored with a Special Tony Award. She won Best Leading Actress in a Musical in 1964 for *Flora the Red Menace* and in 1978 for *The Act*. Her 2009 Tony was in the category of Best Special Theatrical Event.

Women in front of and behind the camera make the movies that we all welcome into our hearts and homes. Women across all the areas of moviemaking from actress to animator, editor to stuntwoman, costume designer to screenwriter, producer to director have contributed to the success of the movie industry since its founding in the 1890s. Help us celebrate these women who are written into movie history in *Hollywood: Her Story*.

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