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The depth and diversity of Canada's musical talent is recognized both at home and around the world.

Since last summer, Canada Post has paid tribute to the remarkable contributions of singer-songwriters Stan Rogers and Buffy Sainte-Marie, as well as Canada's first lady of jazz, vocalist Eleanor Collins. And the celebration continues.

This month, we're issuing a special stamp in honour of Canada's First Lady of the Blues: the amazing Salome Bey. Although she was born in New Jersey, Bey moved to Toronto when she was in her early 30s – and she never looked back.

An award-winning singer, songwriter and composer, Bey also appeared in many musicals over the course of her career, including several productions she wrote herself. Known for her longstanding commitment to community and charitable works, she was a champion in the fight against racism and both a trailblazer and an inspiration to young Black artists.

We're so proud she made Canada her home.

Cheers, Friends!



Bronwyn Graves, Director, Stamp Services

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Salome Bey

Issue date: April 22, 2022



Booklet of 6 stamps
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This stamp celebrates the life and work of Salome Bey, known as Canada's First Lady of the Blues, who provided inspiration and mentoring for young Black performers. Born in New Jersey, Salome Bey toured North America and Europe in the 1950s and 1960s with her siblings as Andy and the Bey Sisters, and went on to pursue a solo career singing in a range of genres, including jazz, blues and pop, at concerts, in clubs and on television and radio. She released several solo albums and appeared on recordings with the likes of jazz pianist Horace Silver and composer-pianist Galt MacDermot. She also performed with her daughters and other musicians as Salome Bey and the Relatives.

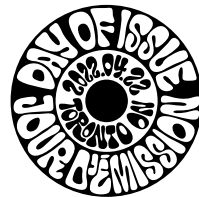
Bey appeared in many successful musicals – including on Broadway – and wrote and starred in many of her own productions, such as *Indigo*, a revue celebrating the history of Black music, and *Shimmytime*, about American singer and actress

Ethel Waters. She also wrote and directed *Madame Gertrude*, about Ma Rainey, the mother of the blues. Her children's musical, *Rainbowworld*, was presented at Toronto's Young People's Theatre in 1988.

A member of Artists Against Racism, Bey was invested into the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canada's entertainment scene and her role as a mentor to young people. She received an Obie Award for her work in the off-Broadway musical *Love Me, Love My Children* (*Justine* in Canada), two Dora Mavor Moore Awards for *Indigo* and a Grammy nomination, along with other performers, for the original cast recording of the Tony Award-winning *Your Arms Too Short to Box with God*. She was also the recipient of a Toronto Arts Award for her contributions to the performing arts and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award from Montréal's Black Theatre Workshop. In 2021, Bey was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.



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This stamp celebrates the life and extraordinary talents of Canada's First Lady of the Blues, who was an inspiration for young Black performers.

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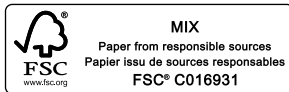
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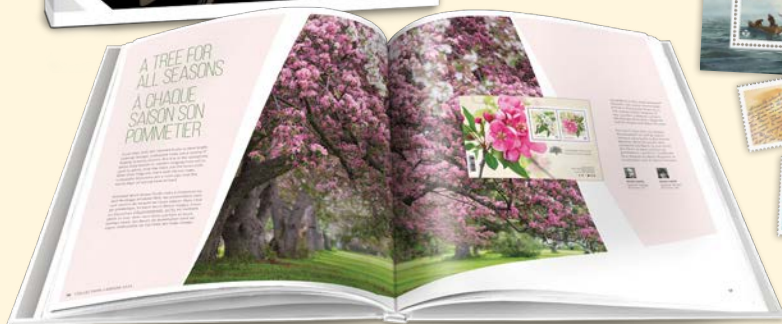


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