

Marian Anderson, Opera Singer, Performing at the Lincoln Memorial



In 1939, Marian Anderson, a world-renowned opera singer was barred from performing at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) due to her race.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the DAR via this letter to the president of the organization, for barring Anderson. Roosevelt then coordinated the effort to have Anderson perform at the Lincoln Memorial where she sang to an integrated crowd of 75,000.

