

## Rita Moreno

Award-Winning Actress, Dancer & Singer

Rita Moreno has won all four of the most prestigious awards in show business: an Oscar, a Tony, two Emmys, and a Grammy. Her countless credits span more than seven decades, beginning with her Broadway debut at age 13. Moreno has starred on Broadway and London's West End, appeared in more than 40 feature films, and countless television shows, and has performed in numerous regional theaters including her one woman show, Life Without Makeup at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

Moreno recently co-starred in the critically acclaimed Latinx reimagining of Norman Lear's classic sitcom, One Day At A Time. Her documentary Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go For It, for American Masters Pictures had its world debut at Sundance Film Festival earlier this year. The film will have a theatrical release and will broadcast later this year on PBS. Moreno also co-stars and is an Executive Producer of the Steven Spielberg remake of West Side Story, scheduled for December 2021 release. Moreno headlines as a guest artist with symphony orchestras as well as performs lectures and speaking engagements around the country.

Recipient of the Peabody Career Achievement Award and the Kennedy Center Honor for her lifetime contributions to American culture, she was also honored by her peers as the 50th recipient of the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award. She recently served as Grand Marshal of the Rose Parade and the National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Moreno's first ever all-Spanish language album, Una Vez Más, was produced by her good friend, Emilio Estefan and she is a *New York Times* bestselling author with her first book, *Rita Moreno*: A *Memoir* published by Celebra Books.

Moreno has received the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush and the National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama.

## Topics:

- Getting Older Without Getting Old
- Controlling Diabetes
- The Value of Diversity to our Culture
- The Power of Language
- A History of the Arts in Film, TV & Theatre