

MARLENA SMALLS

Actress and Gospel singer, Beaufort

Marlena Smalls was 13 years old and uncertain about her voice. In a family full of singers, Smalls didn't consider herself especially talented. Then she took the stage in a talent showcase, and her voice — deeply rich and mature for her age — distinguished itself for its power and grace. That was the first time Smalls realized she, too, had a gift. And since then she has been sharing it with the world, as a performer, actress and educator.

Smalls, with the Hallelujah Singers, has taken the Gullah culture of the Sea Islands in South Carolina and exported it to the world. With three CDs and a never-ending touring schedule, Smalls and her troupe of singers are preserving Gullah dialect and customs.

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SOUTH CAROLINA
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
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| | | <p>1</p> <p>Writer Ralph Ellison was born in 1914.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Dr. Jerome H. Holland elected to the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange in 1972.</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Carole Gist was crowned first Black Miss USA in 1990.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Garrett A. Morgan, scientist and inventor, was born in 1877.</p> |
| <p>5</p> <p>Blanche Kelso Bruce of Mississippi elected to full term in U.S. Senate in 1975.</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Dred Scott decision handed down by Supreme Court in 1857.</p> | <p>7</p> <p>First cadets graduated from flying school at Tuskegee Institute in 1942.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Senate refuses to seat P.B.S. Pinchback of Louisiana in 1876.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Clifton Wharton is sworn in as ambassador to Norway in 1961.</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Harriet Tubman died in 1913.</p> |
| <p>12</p> <p>Andrew Young was born in 1932.</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Fannie Lou Hamer, activist, dies, 1977.</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Quincy Jones, composer and musician, was born in 1933.</p> | <p>15</p> <p>'Los Angeles Sentinel' founded by Leon H. Washington in 1933.</p> | <p>16</p> <p>'Freedom's Journal' founded in 1827.</p> | <p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Jackie Robinson made his professional baseball debut with the Montreal Royals in 1946.</p> |
| <p>19</p> <p>Nat King Cole was born in 1919.</p> | <p>20</p> <p>'Uncle Tom's Cabin' by Harriet Beecher Stowe was published in 1852.</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Selma march began in 1965.</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Marcus Garvey, Black nationalist, arrived in America from Jamaica, 1916.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>NBA star, Karl "The Mailman" Malone was born in 1954.</p> | <p>24</p> <p>AME Zion Church organized in S.C. in 1867.</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>William H. Hastie confirmed as Federal District Judge of the Virgin Islands in 1937.</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Arthur Mitchell, dancer and choreographer, was born in 1934.</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Slavery abolished in New York in 1799.</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Peral Bailey was born in 1918.</p> | <p>30</p> <p>15th Amendment was enacted in 1870.</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Jack Johnson, first Black heavyweight champion was born in 1878.</p> |