

# Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

## 2003 World Citizenship Award Honoree

### Harry Belafonte

Harry Belafonte was born in Harlem, raised in Jamaica, and has lived as a citizen of the world. He is a highly respected artist whose distinguished career spans motion pictures, theater, television, recordings and concerts. But his successes as an artist and entertainer have never eclipsed his passion for justice and human rights.

Mr. Belafonte was the first entertainer to be appointed by President Kennedy as a cultural advisor to the Peace Corps. He also worked closely with Martin Luther King, Jr. on issues of civil rights, and chaired the New York State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. He performed the first concerts in Europe on behalf of Dr. King, and was one of three executors of Dr. King's estate. Dr. King said of him, "Belafonte's global popularity and his commitment to our cause is a key ingredient to the global struggle for freedom and a powerful tactical weapon in the Civil Rights movement in America."

In 1985, Mr. Belafonte helped organize the USA for Africa benefit, and produced the Grammy Award winning song, "We Are the World." He was also deeply involved in Hands Across America, a benefit on behalf of relieving hunger in the United States.

Since 1987, he has been a Goodwill Ambassador on behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). In this capacity, he was host to the UN Summit for Children in 1990. On behalf of UNICEF, he has also traveled to many places in the midst of

genocidal crises, from Rwanda to Bosnia to Central America.

Harry Belafonte has been honored throughout the world for his humanitarian efforts. His numerous awards include the Distinguished American Award, the Albert Einstein Award from Yeshiva University, the Dag Hammarskjold Peace Medal in Belgium, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize, the Nelson Mandela Courage Award, and the Danny Kaye Award for his important contributions to the children of the world.

He has also been honored as an entertainer with Emmy, Grammy and Tony Awards. He received the Kennedy Center Honor for Excellence in the Performing Arts, and the Distinguished American Award from the Kennedy Library and Foundation. President Clinton presented him the National Medal of the Arts in 1994.

Mr. Belafonte has received honorary degrees from many universities, including Morehouse College, The New School for Social Research, State University of New York, Spelman College, Tufts University, Brandeis University and Columbia University.

Harry Belafonte has given voice to the aspirations of people for peace and justice in all corners of the world. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is proud to present its 2003 World Citizenship Award to Mr. Belafonte, a man whose skills as a "consummate entertainer" are surpassed only by his lifetime of service to humanity and the children of the world.

