

MOMS MABLEY FURTHER RESEARCH

Description:

Performing in seven different decades of the 20th century, Moms Mabley's life and career was more than could be presented in the class time allowed. A deeper look at Moms Mabley can be seen in her albums, movies, books and TV appearances, as well as Whoopi Goldberg's excellent documentary on her.

The following are some links and resources for further study. Note: The Amazon.com links listed here, in many cases, can also be obtained from your local library or other sources.

Materials:

Moms Mabley Albums

If you only listen to one Moms Mabley album, make it either the "At Sing Sing" album or the "I Got Something To Tell You!" album. They all have value and enrich the Moms experience. Click on the blue links below to see the Amazon.com writeups of each album. Most of these albums are also available at your local library. [Note: A few are not available as CD's, but as vinyl LP's or even 8-track tapes.]

- 1970 Moms Mabley - [Live at Sing Sing](#)
- 1961 [On Stage \(Funniest Woman in the World\)](#)
- 1961 Moms Mabley [At The U.N.](#)
- 1961 [Moms Mabley at The Playboy Club](#)
- 1962 [Moms Mabley Breaks It Up](#)
- 1962 [Moms Mabley at Geneva Conference](#)
- 1963 [I Got Somethin' to Tell You!](#)
- 1963 [Young Men, Sí – Old Men, No](#)
- 1964 [Moms Mabley Moms The Word](#)
- 1964 [Out on a Limb](#)
- 1964 [The Funny Sides of Moms Mabley Chess](#)
- 1964 [Moms Wows](#)
- 1964 [Best of Moms and Pigmeat, Vol. 1](#)
- 1965 [Men in My Life](#)
- 1965 [Now Hear This](#)
- 1966 [Moms Mabley at the White House Conference](#)
- 1968 [Best of Moms Mabley](#)
- 1968 [Moms Mabley single Abraham, Martin & John](#)
- 1969 [The Youngest Teenager](#)
- 1969 [Her Young Thing](#)
- 1972 [I Like 'em Young](#)
- 1994 [Live at the Apollo](#)
- 1994 [The Funny Sides of Moms Mabley Jewel](#)
- 1994 [Live at the Ritz](#)
- 2004 [Comedy Ain't Pretty](#)



- 2005 [Moms' Dream](#)
- 2012 [Moms Mabley At The Tivoli Theatre Chicago](#)
- 2016 [Moms Mabley Sings](#)
- 2010 [Pigmeat Markham / Moms Mabley LP Laugh Time](#)

Moms Mabley Books

- [Funniest Woman in the World](#) [Audio cassette]
- [Jet Magazine "Moms Mabley & Norris Sutton"](#) January 3, 1974
- [The Humor of Jackie Moms Mabley: An African American Comedic Tradition \(Studies in African American History and Culture\) 1st Edition](#)

Moms Mabley DVDs and Films

If you just see one of these films, view "Amazing Grace" (1974), Moms' final film. Moms plays a pivotal role as the guiding spirit in a neighborhood struggling with local corruption. If you just see two, add Whoopi Goldberg's tribute to Moms. "Killer Diller" and "Boarding House Blues" were typical of a more slapstick sort of comedy of the 1940s, while "The Emperor Jones" is a Paul Robeson/Eugene O'Neill classic, Moms only plays the very small, uncredited role of Marcella.

- [Amazing Grace](#) (1974)
- [The Emperor Jones](#) (1933)
- [Killer Diller](#) (1948)^[28]
- [Boarding House Blues](#) (1948)
- [It's Your Thing](#) (documentary, 1970)
- [Whoopi Goldberg Presents Moms Mabley](#) (2013)

Moms Mabley TV Appearances

- [The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour](#) (1967)
- [The Ed Sullivan Show](#) (1969)
- [The Merv Griffin Show](#) (1969)
- [The Bill Cosby Show](#) (1970)
- [The Pearl Bailey Show](#) (1971)

Moms Mabley Stage Appearances

- [Bowman's Cotton Blossoms](#) (1919)
- [Look Who's Here](#) (1927)
- [Miss Bandana](#) (1927)
- [Fast and Furious](#) (1931)
- [Blackberries of 1932](#) (1932)
- [The Joy Boat](#) (1930s)
- [Sidewalks of Harlem](#) (1930s)
- [Red Pastures](#) (1930s)
- [Swingin' the Dream](#) (1939)

Moms Mabley (Free!) Web Links

Here is a way to acquaint yourself with Moms Mabley materials for free right from your browser. YouTube has a treasure trove of Moms Mabley, and below are both the titles and hyperlinks to get you there.

- [Moms Mabley - Comedian \(1967\)](#) [Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour]
- [Moms Mabley "Men & Marriage"](#) on The Ed Sullivan Show
- Moms Mabley - [Don't Sit on my Bed \(1948\)](#)
- Moms Mabley- ["Amazing Grace"](#)

- [Whoopi Goldberg Presents Moms Mabley | OPENING | A Film by Whoopi Goldberg & Tom Leonardis](#)
- [Buying A Bra - Moms Mabley](#)
- [Moms Mabley \(comedian\) 1948](#)
- [COMEDY: MOMS MABLEY "I GOT SOMETHIN' TO TELL YOU"](#)
- [MOMS MABLEY ABRAHAM, MARTIN & JOHN 1969 \[Merv Griffin Show\]](#)
- [Moms Mabley & Kris Kristofferson presenting award U.S. TV 1974](#)
- [The Good Old Days - Moms Mabley](#)
- [Boarding House Blues \(1948\) MOMS MABLEY](#)
- [Amazing Grace 1974 \[Full movie!\]](#)
- [Moms mabley jokes](#)
- [Moms Mabley - "Hide the Whiskey"](#)
- [Moms Mabley - The Youngest Teenager - Complete Album](#)

Articles about Moms Mabley

An obit is a good way to get to know someone, and the AP obit listed below is a good start. More depth, though, is provided in the Leslie Bennetts piece in the NYT.

- ["Moms Mabley Dies at 77". Associated Press. May 23, 1975.](#)
- Leslie Bennetts, ["THEATER: The Pain Behind The Laughter of Moms Mabley"](#), *The New York Times*, August 9, 1987.
- [Dance, Daryl Cumber](#) (1998). *Hush, Honey: An Anthology of African American Women's Humor*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. p. 637.
- Kliph Nesteroff (August 26, 2007). ["Moms Mabley – Agitation in Moderation"](#). *WFMU's Beware of the Blog*. WFMU-New York.
- [^ "James P. "Jim" Aiken \(1861–1909\)". www.findagrave.com. Retrieved March 3, 2017.](#)
- [^ "Moms Mabley". Biography.](#)
- [^ "Moms Mabley: She Finally Makes the Movies". Ebony. April 1974. p. 88. But instead of making a name for Loretta Aiken during this time, Moms was taking a name from a man named Jack Mabley. 'Jack was my first boyfriend,' Moms says... 'He took a lot off me and the least I could do was take his name.'](#)
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- [^ Jr, Lou Chibbaro \(August 8, 2017\). "Meet the legendary queer comedian 'Moms' Mabley". LGBTQ Nation.](#)
- [^ Jump up to:^a ^b "Moms Mabley". Encyclopædia Britannica's Guide to Black History. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc. 2009.](#)
- [^ Wiegand, David \(November 15, 2013\). "'Whoopi Goldberg Presents Moms Mabley' review". San Francisco Chronicle.](#)
- [^ Jackie Mabley Archived February 21, 2018, at the Wayback Machine, pics-celeb.com;](#)
- [^ ""The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" Episode". IMDb. January 21, 1972.](#)
- [^ Finney. \(2014\). Look Who's Laughing. Taylor and Francis. ISBN 978-1-134-30466-0. OCLC 884014682.](#)
- [^ Leslie Bennetts \(August 9, 1987\). "The Pain Behind The Laughter of Moms Mabley". The New York Times. Retrieved February 16, 2009.](#)
- [^ Alden Reimonenq \(October 9, 2007\). "The Harlem Renaissance". glbtq Encyclopedia.](#)
- [^ "LGBT History Month - Jackie 'Moms' Mabley - Comedian". Erie Gay News.](#)
- [^ "Ike & Tina Turner, Moms Mabley" \(PDF\). Billboard: 14. October 16, 1971.](#)
- [^ Keith Stern. Queers in History: The Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Historical, pg. 295.](#)

- [^ "The Comedy Pioneer in the Floppy Hat"](#), *The New York Times*, November 17, 2013. It is reviewed by Emily Nussbaum in [The New Yorker](#), November 25, 2013, pp. 128–29.
- [^ Malcolm Lazin](#) (August 20, 2015). "[Op-ed: Here Are the 31 Icons of 2015's Gay History Month](#)". *Advocate.com*.
- [^ Rosen, Jody](#) (June 25, 2019). "[Here Are Hundreds More Artists Whose Tapes Were Destroyed in the UMG Fire](#)". *The New York Times*.