

April 12, 2013

IMPORTANT AMERICAN HEROES DATES

Here is a list of memorable dates that correspond with Jonathan Sprout's **AMERICAN HEROES** and **MORE AMERICAN HEROES** albums. Playing the heroes songs on these dates is a great way to air quality music while teaching your listeners about each of these great Americans.

DATE	EVENT	SONG
1/3	King appears on cover of Time Magazine as Man of the year (1964)	<i>Martin</i>
1/6	Washington marries Martha Custis (1759)	<i>Washington's Hat</i>
1/12	Earhart 1 st person to fly solo Honolulu to Oakland, CA (1935)	<i>Amelia</i>
1/15	Martin L. King, Jr. birthday (1929) (actual & 2007 observed)	<i>Martin</i>
1/17	Ben Franklin born in MA (1706)	<i>Ben Franklin</i>
1/23	Jackie Robinson elected to Baseball Hall of Fame (1962)	<i>Break the Barrier</i>
1/30	Orville Wright dies, age 77 (1948)	<i>When They Flew</i>
1/31	Jack Roosevelt Robinson born in Cairo, GA (1919)	<i>Break The Barrier</i>
2/3	Franklin writes petition calling for end to slavery (1790)	<i>Ben Franklin</i>
2/11	Thomas Edison born in Milan, OH (1847)	<i>The Light Went On</i>
2/11	Sacajawea gives birth to son Pompey (1805)	<i>Sacajawea</i>
2/12	Abraham Lincoln is born (1809)	<i>All Across The Land</i>
2/15	Susan B. Anthony born in Adams, MA (1820)	<i>Carry On</i>
2/15	Susan B. Anthony: "Failure Is Impossible" speech (1906)	<i>Carry On</i>
2/19, '07	President's Day	<i>Washington's Hat & All Across the Land</i>
2/20	Frederick Douglass dies (1895)	<i>Agitate</i>
2/22	George Washington is born in VA (1732) (actual)	<i>Washington's Hat</i>
2/25	M. L. King ordained in Baptist ministry, age 19 (1948)	<i>Martin</i>
March	Women In History Month -- <i>Sacajawea, Amelia, Take A Ride, Angel Of Mercy, Keep Your Face to the Sunshine, Aren't I A Woman, Eleanor, Carry On</i>	
3/3	Helen Keller (age 6) & Annie Sullivan meet (1887)	<i>Keep Your Face to the Sunshine</i>
3/4	Abraham Lincoln becomes 16 th President (1861 & 1865)	<i>All Across the Land</i>
3/10	John Chapman dies in Ft. Wayne, IN (1845)	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i>
3/10	Harriet Tubman dies in NY (1913)	<i>Take a Ride</i>

3/13	Susan B. Anthony dies in Rochester, NY (1906)	<i>Carry On</i>
3/16	Birth of the American Red Cross (1882)	<i>Angel of Mercy</i>
3/16	Armstrong, Gemini 8, 1st manual space-docking (1966)	<i>First Man on the Moon</i>
3/17	Earhart 1 st attempt at world flight leaves Oakland, CA (1937)	<i>Amelia</i>
4/4	M. L. King, Jr. dies in Memphis, TN (1968)	<i>Martin</i>
4/17	Sacajawea joins the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1805)	<i>Sacajawea</i>
4/8	Earhart sets autogiro altitude record of 18,451 ft. (1931)	<i>Amelia</i>
4/12	Clara Barton dies (1912)	<i>Angel of Mercy</i>
4/12	King is arrested for demonstrating without a permit (1962)	<i>Martin</i>
4/14	Lincoln shot at Ford Theatre (1865)	<i>All Across The Land</i>
4/18	J. Robinson breaks color barrier, plays 1 st Major League game (1946)	<i>Break the Barrier</i>
4/16	Wilbur Wright born in IN (1867)	<i>When They Flew</i>
4/17	Franklin dies in Philadelphia at age 84 (1790)	<i>Ben Franklin</i>
4/20	Earhart 1 st person to fly solo Los Angeles to Mexico City	<i>Amelia</i>
4/30	Washington becomes 1st President (1789)	<i>Washington's Hat</i>
5/8	Earhart 1 st person to fly solo Mexico City to Newark, NJ (1935)	<i>Amelia</i>
5/14	Sacajawea's quick action saves many supplies during sudden storm, Lewis & Clark Expedition (1805)	<i>Sacajawea</i>
5/14	Wright Brothers fly with 1 st passenger (1908)	<i>When They Flew</i>
5/21	Earhart 1 st solo flight across Atlantic Ocean (1932)	<i>Amelia</i>
5/25	Wright Brothers make their 1 st & only flight together (1910)	<i>When They Flew</i>
5/28	S. Truth makes "Aren't I a Woman" speech in Akron (1851)	<i>Aren't I A Woman</i>
5/30	Wilbur Wright dies, age 45 (1912)	<i>When They Flew</i>
6/1	Isabella Van Wagener changes name to Sojourner Truth (1843)	<i>Aren't I A Woman</i>
6/1	Helen Keller dies at home in CT (1968)	<i>Keep Your Face to the Sunshine</i>
6/1	Earhart round-the-world flight begins, Miami, FL (1937)	<i>Amelia</i>
6/17	Susan B. Anthony trial begins. She is fined \$100 for voting (1873)	<i>Carry On</i>
6/21	Earhart receives Distinguished Flying Cross from U.S. Congress (1932)	<i>Amelia</i>
6/23	King leads 125,000 people on Freedom Walk in Detroit (1963)	<i>Martin</i>

6/27	Helen Keller is born in Tuscumbia, AL (1880)	<i>Keep Your Face to the Sunshine</i>
7/2	Amelia Earhart disappears in the South Pacific (1937)	<i>Amelia</i>
7/4	Sojourner Truth gains freedom from slavery, age 30 (1827)	<i>Aren't I A Woman</i>
7/5	Frederick Douglass delivers famous speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July" in Rochester, NY (1852)	<i>Agitate</i>
7/6	Earhart sets woman's speed record of 181 mph (1930)	<i>Amelia</i>
7/16	Apollo 11 launched (1969)	<i>First Man on the Moon</i>
7/20	Neil Armstrong steps on moon, 10:56 PM (1969)	<i>First Man on the Moon</i>
7/24	Amelia Earhart born, KS (1897)	<i>Amelia</i>
8/5	Neil Armstrong born (1930)	<i>First Man on the Moon</i>
8/8	Wilbur Wright captures the imagination of the world with his first public flight, Paris (1908)	<i>When They Flew</i>
8/9	Frederick Douglass first rouses enthusiasm speaking at antislavery meeting (1841)	<i>Agitate</i>
8/13	Clara Barton begins nursing wounded Civil War soldiers (1862)	<i>Angel of Mercy</i>
8/15	Tecumseh & Wm. Henry Harrison meet for first time (1810)	<i>Tecumseh</i>
8/17	Sacajawea concludes her 1 year & 4 month journey with Lewis & Clark in the present-day state of North Dakota (1806)	<i>Sacajawea</i>
8/18	Sacajawea helps Lewis & Clark trade for Shoshone horses (1805)	<i>Sacajawea</i>
8/19	Orville Wright born in OH (1871)	<i>When They Flew</i>
8/25	Earhart sets women's nonstop transcontinental speed record (1932)	<i>Amelia</i>
8/26	"Susan B. Anthony Amendment" adopted -- women are given the right to vote (1920)	<i>Carry On</i>
8/28	M. L. King, Jr. "I Have a Dream Speech," Washington, DC (1963)	<i>Martin</i>
8/28	Jackie Robinson meets Branch Rickey, joins Dodgers (1945)	<i>Break the Barrier</i>
9/3	Frederick Douglass escapes from slavery (1838)	<i>Agitate</i>
9/22	Lincoln delivers Emancipation Proclamation declaring all slaves in areas still in rebellion within 100 days will be free (1862)	<i>All Across The Land</i>
9/26	John Chapman born in Leominster, MA (1774)	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i>
10/5	Tecumseh dies, age 45 (1813)	<i>Tecumseh</i>
10/11	Eleanor Roosevelt born, New York City (1884)	<i>Eleanor</i>

10/18	Edison dies in Llewellyn Park, NJ (1931) (The nation dims its lights for 1 minute on the day of his funeral)	<i>The Light Went On</i>
10/19	Washington defeats British in Yorktown, VA ending Revolutionary War (1781)	<i>Washington's Hat</i>
10/19	Franklin publishes news of discovery -- lightning is electricity (1752)	<i>Ben Franklin</i>
10/21	Thomas Edison invents 1st practical light bulb (1879)	<i>The Light Went On</i>
10/22	Earhart sets woman's altitude record of 14,000 ft. (1922)	<i>Amelia</i>
10/24	Jackie Robinson dies in Stamford, CT, age 53 (1972)	<i>Break the Barrier</i>
11/5	Susan B. Anthony votes illegally, makes national headlines (1872)	<i>Carry On</i>
11/7	Eleanor Roosevelt dies, age 78 (1962)	<i>Eleanor</i>
11/7	Battle of Tippecanoe (1811)	<i>Tecumseh</i>
11/18	Susan B. Anthony arrested & charged with "illegal voting" (1872)	<i>Carry On</i>
11/19	Lincoln delivers The Gettysburg Address (1863)	<i>All Across The Land</i>
11/26	Sojourner Truth dies in MI, age 86 (1883)	<i>Aren't I a Woman</i>
12/3	Frederick Douglass publishes 1st issue of <u>The North Star</u> (1847)	<i>Agitate</i>
12/6	Edison makes 1st recording of human voice successfully repeated by mechanical device with "Mary had a little lamb" (1877)	<i>The Light Went On</i>
12/7	Franklin forms 1st Volunteer Fire Co. in Philadelphia (1736)	<i>Ben Franklin</i>
12/7	Lewis & Clark camp for the winter... start building Ft. Clatsop (1805)	<i>Sacajawea</i>
12/10	Human Rights Declaration passed by United Nations (1948)	<i>Eleanor</i>
12/10	M. L. King. Jr. awarded Nobel Peace Prize, age 35 (1964)	<i>Martin</i>
12/12	Frederick Douglass becomes free man (1846)	<i>Agitate</i>
12/14	Washington dies, Mt. Vernon, VA (1799)	<i>Washington's Hat</i>
12/17	Wright Brothers achieve the dream of flight (1903)	<i>When They Flew</i>
12/25	Clara Barton born, MA (1821)	<i>Angel of Mercy</i>
12/25	Washington crosses Delaware, captures Trenton, NJ (1776)	<i>Washington's Hat</i>