**BHM 2024 Theme: Culture/Diversity**

**Audrey DuBois Harris: Canadian Opera Singer**

**'There was no room to be discouraged': Audrey DuBois Harris on being a Black opera singer in Canada (CBC Radio · Posted: Aug 27, 2020 3:04 PM EDT)**

In August of 2018, the month of Aretha Franklin's funeral, an opera singer from Montreal named Audrey DuBois Harris took the podium to perform Great Is Thy Faithfulness in tribute to the late Queen of Soul.

The critically acclaimed classical artist, who was known as Franklin's favourite soprano, has performed on some of the world's greatest stages, for former U.S. president Barack Obama and during the MLK50 events, which commemorated the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

But being a Black opera singer in Canada has been, at times, a lonely journey.

Tomorrow, DuBois Harris is participating in Black Opera Live: Canada, an online broadcast that explores the experiences of Black artists who work in the classical arts in this country.

She joined [q](https://www.cbc.ca/radio/q)'s Tom Power on the line from Montreal to reflect on her friendship with Franklin, her musical influences and the importance of representation. **(read more):**

[**https://www.cbc.ca/radio/q/thursday-aug-27-2020-audrey-dubois-harris-demi-moore-and-more-1.57**](https://www.cbc.ca/radio/q/thursday-aug-27-2020-audrey-dubois-harris-demi-moore-and-more-1.57)

**videos**

[**https://youtu.be/qqYBk\_ZC7Ro?list=OLAK5uy\_l7NLnzJXTIMvfYh33j3VfLq2M4NQaUIJc**](https://youtu.be/qqYBk_ZC7Ro?list=OLAK5uy_l7NLnzJXTIMvfYh33j3VfLq2M4NQaUIJc)

[**https://youtu.be/gvA7ZjR8FMU**](https://youtu.be/gvA7ZjR8FMU)