



## **Harry Belafonte**

### **Lectured at Siena on January 19, 1988**

The inaugural lecture in the lecture series was given by Harry Belafonte on January 19, 1988. A human rights activist, recording star, and Emmy Award winner, Belafonte chairs the New York State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. He was named a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF in 1987, only the second American ever awarded the title. Belafonte received the Dag Hammarskjold Medal in 1981 and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Nonviolence Peace Prize in 1982. He set in motion production of the recording "We Are The World" in 1985 to aid millions in Africa. He also played a major role in the "Hands Across America" benefit for hungry Americans.