Museum on Wheels:

Black History: Las Vegas & Beyond



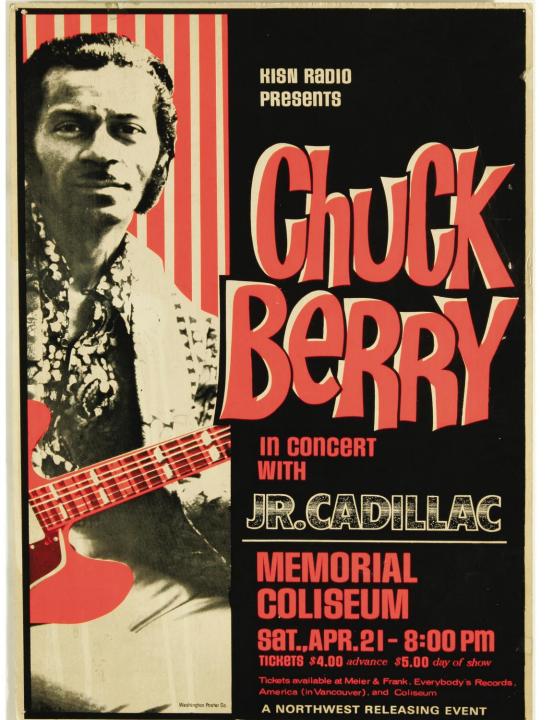




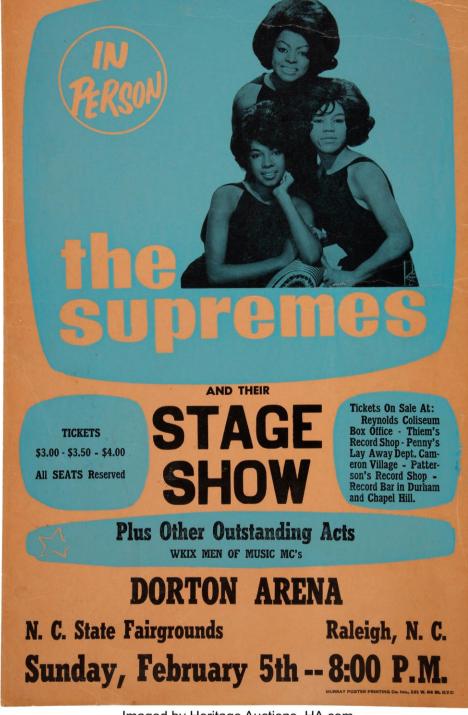
Moulin Rouge (1955)

The Moulin Rouge opened in 1955 during a time of civil unrest in Las Vegas. Due to the segregation in Las Vegas, it was labeled "The Mississippi of the West". While Las Vegas hotels and casinos employed black citizens, they only held behind-the-scenes jobs and were not permitted to work in public facing jobs such as dealers and servers. Moulin Rouge attracted a mix of black and white patrons. Celebrities such as Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Harry Belafonte, Bob Hope, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., Judy Garland and more made their way to the Moulin Rouge. Moulin Rouge was a huge change of pace for the performers, as they could stay and walk in the front door; other casinos made the African American performers enter through the backdoors/kitchens.

Show Posters of Popular Artists during the late 50's/60's:



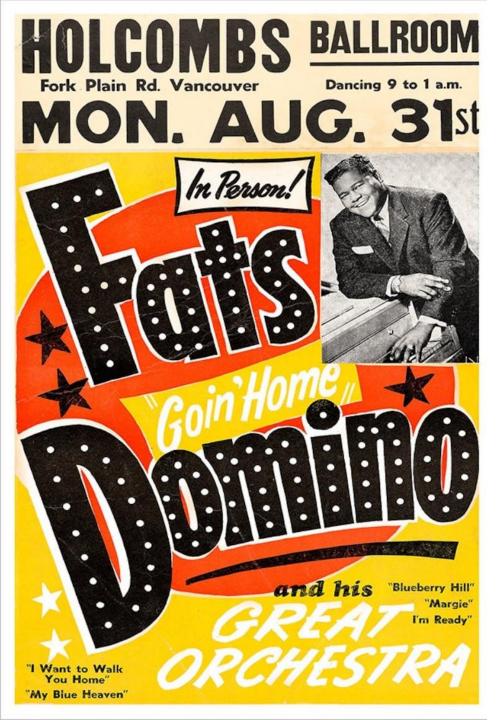
Chuck Berry



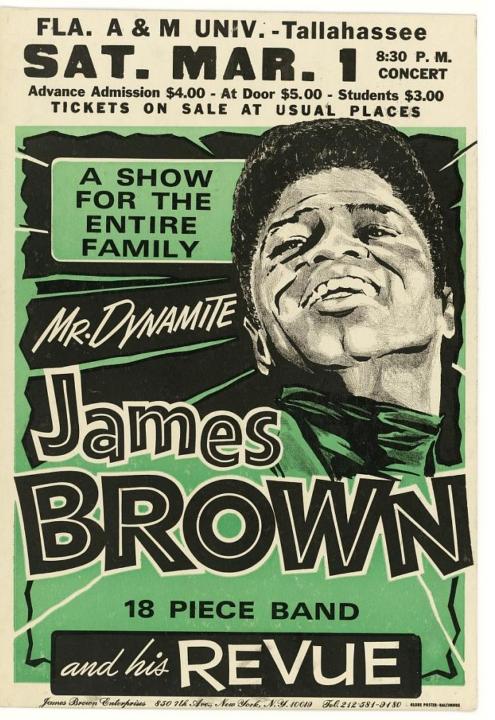
The Supremes



Ella Fitzgerald



Fats Domino



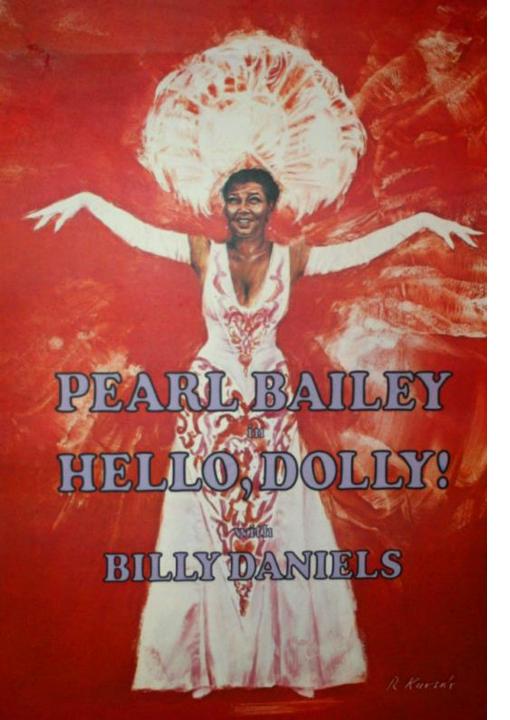
James Brown



Lena Horne



Nat King Cole



Pearl Bailey



Stevie Wonder