

Ms. Lauren Hill



Born on **May 26, 1975**, in East Orange, NJ, Ms. Lauryn Hill is the undisputed queen of neo-soul and hip-hop. A powerhouse since her youth, she was a standout at Columbia High School and briefly attended Columbia University before the world claimed her talent.

Hill's career is a masterclass in versatility. Before her record-breaking music career, she appeared in *As the World Turns* and delivered a legendary performance in **Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit**. Her musical foundation was built on the soul and Motown icons in her parents' collection—citing Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, and most significantly, Roberta Flack.

The bond between Hill and Flack was both professional and deeply personal. Hill often credited Flack with showing her what was possible within the "idiom of Soul," and the two famously performed together at the 1996 MTV Movie Awards. Their legacies are forever linked by "**Killing Me Softly With His Song**"—a track Flack took to No. 1 in 1973 and the Fugees reimaged into a global 1996 smash that launched Hill into superstardom.

With 8 Grammy Awards and the historic success of **The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill**, Ms. Hill remains a pioneer who continues to bridge the gap between classic soul and modern hip-hop.