

ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



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Arthur Lee Porter Sr. (1934 – 1993) was born in Little Rock. At 8 years old Porter began playing at his family's church, and by 12 years old he performed his first classical recital. By 14 he was performing for local community events and hosting his own classical radio program on KLRA Little Rock. Porter had a formal education, with a bachelor's degree in music education from Arkansas AM&N in 1954. He earned his master's degree in music from Henderson State in 1975, and continued graduate studies at the University of Texas in Austin. Porter founded the Art Porter Trio, a Jazz band that was highly popular. To find out more about Arthur Lee Porter Sr. or to find more examples of black excellence, visit the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.



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