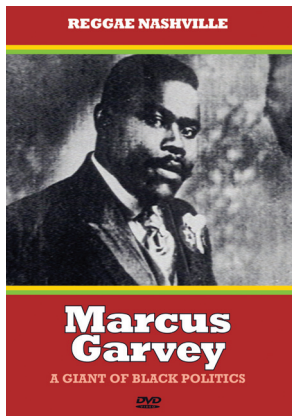


DVD Reviews



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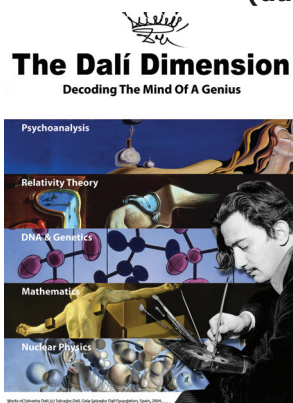
Marcus Garvey A Giant of Black Politics (DVD) (Screen Edge)



Hailed as the first National hero of Jamaica, Marcus Garvey inspired millions with his black pride movement and led the largest organization for Africans, the UNIA (United Negro Improvement Association), for years as its leader. This documentary finds some friends, associates, and historians talking about this intriguing political figure of the 20th century. *A Giant of Black Politics* follows

Garvey's story from early labor organization activities to the rise of the UNIA in the 1920s. Garvey's work, thought to threaten the establishment and the status quo, caused the FBI to infiltrate the organization. Garvey was imprisoned but never wavered on his vision for the betterment of Africans worldwide. A key philosopher of black pride, Garvey's tale is further brought into focus via interviews with activist Mariamne Samad, UNIA members Roy Carson and Ruth Prescott and commentators Vivian Durham, Beverly Hamilton, Prof Rupert Lewis, Prof David Garrow and Sam Clayton. Much has been written about Garvey, this DVD adds to the knowledge and history of his inspiring work and life. The Mystic Revelation of Rastafari band performs the reggae-tinged soundtrack to the one-hour film. Garvey died in 1940 at the age of 53.

The Dalí Dimension Decoding the Mind of a Genius (DVD) (dalinet.com)



The Dalí Dimension is a multi-award winning film exploring the work and life of surrealism master Salvador Dalí. Narrated by Joseph Nuzzolo, the documentary features rare film archives and interviews with the artist and leading scientists. Dalí loved science and was absolutely intrigued with the scientific trends and discoveries of his time,

including Freud's psychoanalysis, mathematics, nuclear physics and Einstein's theory of relativity, and genetics. His paintings, sketches and art reflected that love. Salvador Dalí, born in Figueres, Catalonia, Spain, was a brilliant artist whose repertoire also included film, sculpture, and photography. His best-known work, *The Persistence of Memory*, was completed in 1931. He collaborated with Walt Disney on the unfinished Academy Award-nominated short cartoon *Destino*, which was completed and released posthumously in 2003. He also collaborated with Alfred Hitchcock on the dream sequence from his 1945 film *Spellbound*. Dalí relished in self-promotion and attention. His upturned waxed mustache and walking stick have been much caricatured but define his persona. This documentary, presented in English, French and Spanish, puts the spotlight on this flamboyant genius. Interviews with Dali showcase his eccentric behavior and mannerisms. The documentary is a must watch for anyone with an interest in art and one of its legendary protagonists. Dalí's unforgettable masterpieces led the surrealism movement of the 20th Century. The film includes rare footage of Dalí working on a series of drawings. Dalí's work and life have been publicized and documented for decades, yet *The Dalí Dimension* still manages to explore some hidden corners of his inner and outer personas. The film doesn't delve into the relationship with his wife Gala, instead focuses on Dalí's love of science and scientists that were a major influence on his art. He died in 1989 at the age of 84.

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