

# CANADA LEE - MAN OUT FRONT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you of our current production, *Canada Lee - Man Out Front*, the first documentary film to explore the remarkable life and legacy of African-American actor/activist, Canada Lee. During his brief but renowned career as a star on Broadway, radio and in Hollywood, Lee was considered by many critics to be the greatest African-American actor of his generation and one of the greatest actors of any race.

Canada Lee was an indomitable presence during his lifetime. Working alongside such landmark individuals in American history as: Paul Robeson, Orson Welles, Langston Hughes, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and Sidney Poitier, he won the praise of critics such as Ed Sullivan and Brooks Atkinson. Even FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover took a personal interest in Lee's activities, as indicated in his FBI files. Labeled "subversive" and "radical," Lee was blacklisted at the height of his career and died prematurely at age 47. Tragically, unlike other monumental figures of American socio-political history, Canada Lee remains virtually unknown. **Until now.** *Man Out Front* highlights the genuine human triumph and tragedy of Lee's personal life within the provocative historical context of an America embroiled simultaneously in the tumult of a Red Scare and on the verge of a Civil Rights Movement.

Lee's widow, Frances Lee Pearson, granted to me personally the exclusive production rights to her husband's life story. She was interviewed numerous times for this project before her death in 2005. Our production has since received the full support of the Canada Lee Estate and the Canada Lee Heritage Foundation. Both have kindly granted us unfettered access to exclusive material on Lee.

*Canada Lee - Man Out Front* is being produced for national broadcast, with additional releases for educational and international markets, DVD and online download. We anticipate a strong demand for the film in light of its unique unearthing of this great American performer, pioneer and patriot.

We are currently seeking funds to conclude filming and transition into post-production, with intended completion by mid-2012. Our production operates under the umbrella of our non-profit fiscal sponsor, **Documentary Educational Resources** - [www.der.org](http://www.der.org), making all donations tax-deductible.

We hope you will consider contributing to a film that will enrich our culture through an entertaining and honest exploration of a remarkable individual. Every dollar actually *does* help. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



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