

An Evening With

Eartha Kitt

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■ **THE HISTORYMAKERS SALUTE EARTHA KITT:** Singer-actress-dancer Eartha Kitt, 81, shows off her still shapely legs as she recalls her early career days with the Katherine Dunham Dance Company during an interview with journalist Gwen Iffill. The interview was part of "The HistoryMakers Presents An Evening With Eartha Kitt" tribute taped in the Thorne Auditorium at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago and will air as a PBS television special during Black History Month. The HistoryMakers is a national, non-profit educational organization based in Chicago committed to preserving Black history through its archival collection of Black American video oral histories. The interviews are available online at thehistorymakers.com and at local public libraries.

Lil' Kim Sued By New York Recording Company

Rapper Lil' Kim is being sued by a recording company for \$2.5 million for allegedly not delivering all the recordings the contract requires.

Brookland Media recently filed the lawsuit in Manhattan's state Supreme Court. Lil' Kim's lawyer, Londell McMillan, says Brookland sued "to leverage their own position" in the contract dispute.

The lawsuit says Brookland contracted with the artist this year and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on record-

ings, equipment and advance payments.

Court papers say the rapper later tried to change the contract and refused to continue recording unless Brookland agreed. The papers say she had recorded only a few tracks toward a new album by the beginning of September.

Brookland wants the court to declare the contract valid and bar Lil' Kim from recording for another company.

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