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On This Date

1934 – During an amateur night at Harlem's Apollo Theater, the name of a teenage dancer, Ella Fitzgerald, was drawn from a hat. Too nervous to dance, she instead sang "The Object of My Affection." After a rocky start, she brought the house down.



1937 – Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 5* premiered in Leningrad. Pressured by a totalitarian Soviet regime, Shostakovich had recently declared his artistic output reformed to meet Soviet standards. Recognizing the piece's rebellious form, pattern, and structure, the audience was so moved that their ovation lasted 30 to 45 minutes.

1980 – Nearly 76 percent of American households tuned in to learn "Who shot J. R.?" on the season three debut of *Dallas*. The smoking gun belonged to J. R.'s sister-in-law and former mistress, Kristin Shepard.

Symphony Trivia

Because of their loudness, the percussionists are placed at the rear of the orchestra.

Quote of the Day

"It is the same with people as it is with riding a bike. Only when moving can one comfortably maintain one's balance."

~ Albert Einstein

Happy Birthday!

Goldie Hawn, born in 1945, is an American actress, producer, and philanthropist who first gained fame as a cast member on the sketch comedy series *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In* in the late 1960s. She became one of Hollywood's most beloved stars, winning an Academy Award for *Cactus Flower* and delighting audiences with films such as *Private Benjamin*, *Overboard*, and *The First Wives Club*. Today, Hawn focuses on her family and charitable work through her foundation, MindUP, which promotes children's mental health and well-being.



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