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Louis Armstrong: King of Queens

By Ricky Riccardi, Director of Research Collections for the Louis Armstrong House Museum

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Louis Armstrong was one of the most famous and influential musicians of all time, changing the course of music with his innovations as a trumpeter and vocalist. Yet while he toured all over the world throughout the course of his illustrious career, he called Corona, Queens home for the last 28 years of his life. Join GRAMMY-winning author and historian Ricky Riccardi as he discusses Armstrong's historic career, shares rare footage, and tells the story of Louis and Lucille's love affair with Queens, which now serves as home for both the Louis Armstrong House Museum and the brand-new Louis Armstrong Center.

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RICKY RICCARDI is director of Research Collections for the Louis Armstrong House Museum and author of *What a Wonderful World: The Magic of Louis Armstrong's Later Years* and *Heart Full of Rhythm: The Big Band Years of Louis Armstrong* (named "Best Book of 2020" by *Jazz Times* magazine). In 2022, he won a GRAMMY Award for Best Album Notes for *The Complete Louis Armstrong Columbia and RCA Studio Sessions 1946–1966*. He has given lectures on Armstrong at venues around the world and has taught Armstrong courses for Jazz at Lincoln Center's Swing University and at Queens College. His third biography on Armstrong, *Stomp Off, Let's Go: The Early Years of Louis Armstrong*, will be released in February 2024.

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