

# **WHO is Mel Blanc?**

**Mel Blanc created the voices of Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck, and hundreds of other cartoon characters. He is the most respected voice artist in animation history.**

**WHERE did he come from?**

**He grew up in Portland, Oregon.**

**WHAT instruments did he play?**

**He played violin, viola, and sousaphone. He also played the ukulele.**

# **HOW did he become a voice artist?**

**He was discovered playing a ukulele and singing with Herman Kenin's Multnomah Hotel Orchestra in 1927. The Hoot Owls, a Portland radio program, invited him to sing a novelty song on the air. Then he joined the show. He moved to LA in 1935, and began working in animation in 1937.**

# **Q: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A VOICE MAN?**

**A: Mel Blanc said “CERTAINLY THE VOICE BOX’S  
ELASTICITY AND VERSATILITY. BUT JUST AS  
VITAL ARE THE EARS AND BRAIN.**

**THE EARS - TO BE ABLE TO CONSISTENTLY  
REPRODUCE THE SAME TIMBRES, TONES AND  
TEXTURES.**

**THE BRAIN - BECAUSE A VOICE ACTOR HAS TO  
BE KEENLY SENSITIVE WHEN IT COMES TO  
SHAPING EACH CHARACTER'S PERSONA."**

**HOW** can I learn more about this man?

**COME TO THE MEL BLANC LECTURE SERIES**

**JUNE 8, 15, 22 at ETHOS at IFCC, 7:00 PM**

**JUNE 29 at LINCOLN HALL at PSU, 7:30 PM**

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