

Tucker, Richard, photographer. [Paul Robeson in Othello, Act I Scene 4]. United States: circa 1944. Folger ART 254052 (size S)

Actor and activist Paul Robeson was the first black performer in the United States to portray Othello in a major production of the play. *Othello* was produced by The Theatre Guild in 1943; Robeson costarred with Uta Hagen as Desdemona. The production holds the record for the longest-running Shakespeare play on Broadway at 296 performances.