

Buffy Sainte-Marie

Born: February 20, 1941,
Piapot, Saskatchewan, Canada
[age 77 years]

Buffy Sainte-Marie is a Songwriter, Visual Artist, Educator, Pacifist, and Social Activist who lived a “Multimedia Life.” She is an Oscar winning writer of the title song for *An Officer and a Gentleman*. She performed for years on Sesame Street. Born in Saskatchewan she was adopted and grew up in New England as one of just two Native people in her town. Then she returned to Saskatchewan and her Native



culture. She developed a unique and powerful voice writing and singing songs that moved audiences. Her songs *Universal Soldier*, *My Country Tis of Thy People You're Dying*, *Cod'ine* and the love song *Until It's Time for You to Go* among others made her one of the most powerful songwriters of the late 20th Century. She introduced her audience to the mouth bow. In 1997 she founded *Cradleboard Teaching Project* which features a curriculum devoted to better understanding Native Americans.