



## **Buffy Sainte-Marie**

Buffy Sainte-Marie is a truly gifted person. She is 74 years old and was born on the Piapot Cree First Nation in the Qu'Appelle Valley, Saskatchewan. Very early in life, Buffy was adopted and consequently, she grew up in Massachusetts. Buffy attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst and graduated in the top ten of her class. She has a Ph.D in Fine Art. In 1964 Buffy was welcomed and adopted back to the Piapot Cree Reserve when she visited there. Buffy Sainte-Marie has lived in Hawaii since the late 1960's.

Buffy Sainte-Marie is dedicated to the arts. She says that art helped her navigate through a difficult childhood. As a child Buffy taught herself to play piano and guitar. She clearly remembers seeing the piano and playing on it for the first time when she was 3 or 4 years old. She was hooked!

Buffy Sainte-Marie interview by Wendy Mesley (12:19)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54xNOaLMkN4

Buffy Sainte-Marie interview by George Stroumboulopoulos (6:50)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLiB0TUf6vo

Buffy Sainte-Marie and Joni Mitchell (8:48)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8L42uLBl9uA