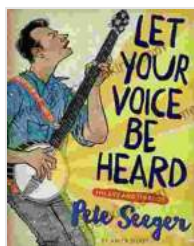


The Life and Times of Pete Seeger: A Musical Legacy

Pete Seeger was an American folk singer, songwriter, activist, and author. He was a founding member of the Weavers, a folk music group that was popular in the 1940s and 1950s. Seeger wrote many songs that became folk standards, including "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "If I Had a Hammer." He was also a prominent activist for social justice and environmental causes.



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Early life and career

Pete Seeger was born on May 3, 1919, in New York City. His father, Charles Louis Seeger, was a musicologist and composer. His mother, Constance de Clyver Seeger, was a musician and social activist. Seeger's parents instilled in him a love of music and a passion for social justice.

Seeger began playing the banjo at a young age. He attended Harvard University for two years, but dropped out to pursue a career in music. In 1940, he joined the Almanac Singers, a folk music group that was founded by Woody Guthrie. The Almanac Singers were known for their topical songs, which addressed social and political issues.

The Weavers

In 1948, Seeger co-founded the Weavers, a folk quartet that also included Ronnie Gilbert, Lee Hays, and Fred Hellerman. The Weavers quickly became one of the most popular folk groups in the United States. They released a number of hit songs, including "Goodnight, Irene," "Tzena, Tzena," and "On Top of Old Smoky." The Weavers also appeared on television and in films.

Blacklisting and activism

In the early 1950s, Seeger's career was interrupted by the McCarthy era blacklist. He was accused of being a communist and was blacklisted by the entertainment industry. Seeger was unable to perform on television or radio for several years. However, he continued to write and perform songs, and he became a prominent activist for social justice and environmental causes.

Seeger was a strong supporter of the civil rights movement. He performed at the March on Washington in 1963, and he helped to organize the Poor People's Campaign in 1968. Seeger was also a vocal opponent of the Vietnam War. He wrote the song "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" in response to the war.

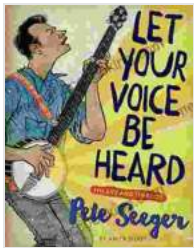
Later career

In the 1970s, Seeger's career began to revive. He released a number of new albums, and he began to perform at major concert venues. In 1989, he was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors. Seeger continued to perform and record until his death in 2014.

Legacy

Pete Seeger is considered one of the most influential folk singers of all time. His songs have been sung by generations of activists and folk singers. Seeger's legacy as an activist for social justice and environmental causes is also significant. He was a tireless advocate for peace, equality, and sustainability.

Pete Seeger was a true American icon. He was a gifted musician, a passionate activist, and a tireless advocate for social justice. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.



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