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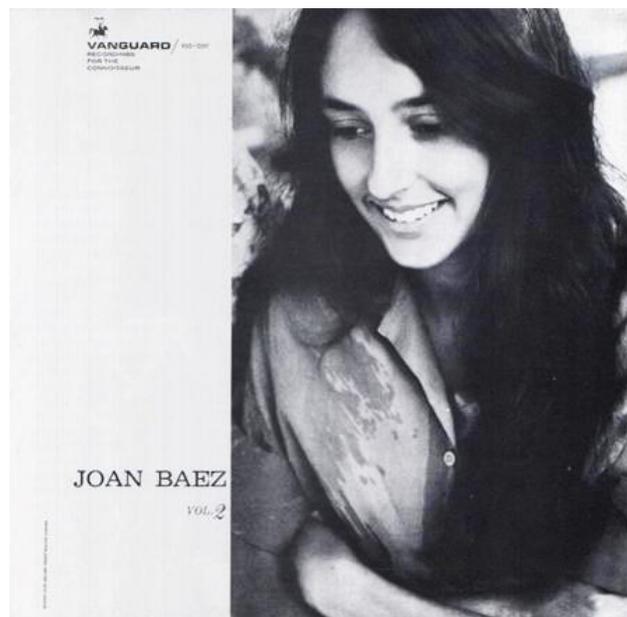
Joan Chandos Baez was born on January 9, 1941 in Staten Island, New York, the middle daughter of Albert Vinicio and Joan Bridge Baez. She graduated from Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California in 1958. She also recorded a demo record album, but it failed to garner interest from record company executives and the project was shelved. In late summer, the Baez family moved to Belmont, Massachusetts, when Joan's father accepts a teaching post at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Joan's interest in the Cambridge, Massachusetts, folk scene grew as she began visiting the local coffeehouses. She registered as a student at Boston University, but only sporadically attended classes and soon quit school to concentrate on her blossoming singing career.



Joan appeared at the 1960 Newport Folk Festival as a featured solo performer, and made her New York City concert debut at the 92nd Street Y on November 5th. Also in November, her first album for Vanguard Recording Society, "Joan Baez," was released and became an enormous success.



Joan met Bob Dylan in 1961 at Gerde's Folk City in April of this year, following his appearance there as an opening act for John Lee Hooker. She also recorded and released her second Vanguard album, "Joan Baez, Volume 2," and embarked on her first national concert tour.

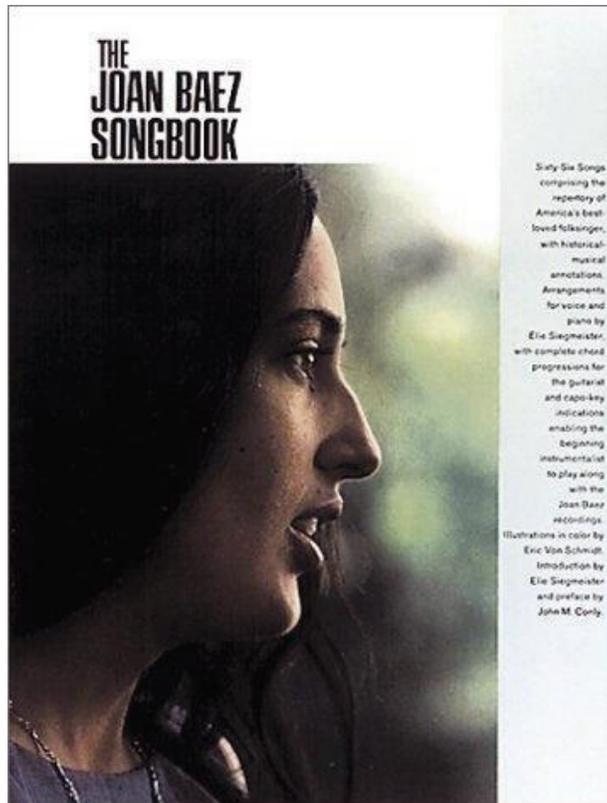


In 1963, "Joan Baez In Concert" was nominated for a Grammy Award in the 'Best Folk Recording' category. She appeared at the Monterey Folk Festival with Bob Dylan (and invited him to be a surprise guest on her summer tour) and headlined at the Newport Folk Festival.

She refused to appear on and lead a much-publicized artist boycott of ABC-TV's Hootenanny show due to their banning of Pete Seeger as a result of his political activism. In August she sang "We Shall Overcome" before an estimated quarter of a million people at the civil rights March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

"Joan Baez In Concert, Part Two" was released, and Squire Records released an unauthorized reissue of "Folksingers 'Round Harvard Square."

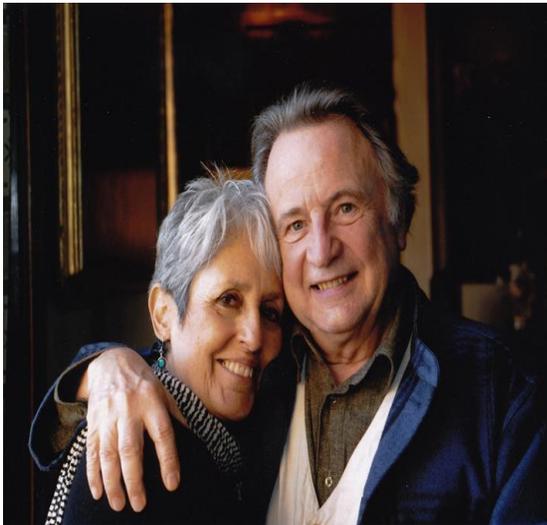
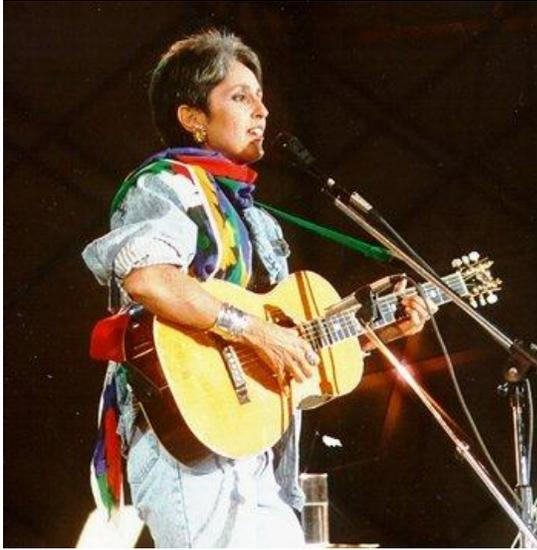




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- CSC – "Thank you for your powerful words. You've always understood their power."
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- TM – "Joan, you are beautiful!"
- GO – "Years are passing, but you are always so charming, so beautiful! Very nice picture, I LOVE IT!"
- LDM – "I appreciate your music and important contributions to society, thank you!"

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