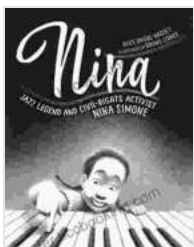


Nina Simone: Jazz Legend and Civil Rights Activist

Nina Simone, born Eunice Kathleen Waymon on February 21, 1933, was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, and civil rights activist. She is considered one of the most important and influential jazz artists of all time, and her music has been described as a blend of jazz, blues, gospel, and classical.

Simone was born in Tryon, North Carolina, and began playing the piano at an early age. She studied classical music at the Julliard School of Music in New York City, but left before graduating to pursue a career in jazz. In the 1950s, she began performing in clubs and bars in Greenwich Village, and soon gained a reputation for her powerful voice and her passionate performances.

In the 1960s, Simone became increasingly involved in the civil rights movement. She wrote and recorded several songs about the struggle for equality, including "Mississippi Goddam" and "To Be Young, Gifted and Black." She also performed at rallies and protests, and spoke out against racism and discrimination.



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Simone's activism made her a target of the FBI, and she was placed on the agency's watch list. In 1973, she was forced to leave the United States after being accused of tax evasion. She lived in exile for several years, but returned to the United States in 1978.

Simone continued to perform and record music until her death in 2003. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018, and her music continues to be celebrated and enjoyed by fans around the world.

Nina Simone's Legacy

Nina Simone was a true pioneer in the world of jazz and civil rights. Her music was a powerful force for change, and her voice helped to inspire a generation of activists. She was a fearless and outspoken woman who stood up for what she believed in, and her legacy continues to inspire people today.

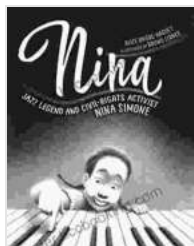
Here are some of Nina Simone's most famous songs:

- "My Baby Just Cares for Me"
- "I Loves You, Porgy"
- "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood"
- "Mississippi Goddam"
- "To Be Young, Gifted and Black"
- "I Put a Spell on You"

Here are some of Nina Simone's most famous quotes:

- "I'm not an artist. I'm a human being."
- "I don't want to be called a jazz singer. I'm a singer."
- "I'm not a civil rights activist. I'm a human being."
- "I'm not interested in being a role model. I'm interested in being a human being."
- "I'm not interested in being a legend. I'm interested in being a human being."

Nina Simone was a complex and fascinating woman who left a lasting legacy on the world. Her music continues to inspire and move people, and her activism continues to make a difference. She is a true icon of the 20th century, and her story is one that should be told and retold for generations to come.



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