



BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE

FOLK SINGER

Internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter, visual artist, Aboriginal-rights advocate and teacher, Buffy Sainte-Marie was born on the Piapot Plains Cree First Nation Reserve in Saskatchewan. She began playing piano at the age of three, the guitar at 16 and by 22 was performing worldwide. In 1964, she was voted Billboard's Best New Artist for her first album.

With a musical career spanning more than 50 years, she is celebrated for her thought provoking lyrics and her passion for supporting Aboriginal people. She holds a PhD in Fine Art and degrees in both Oriental philosophy and teaching. A pioneer in the field of digital art, Buffy has exhibited in major museums. She founded the Cradleboard Teaching Project, a successful, empowering tool for Native students throughout the world. For four years, she and her son were well-known cast members on Sesame Street. The first First Nations artist to receive an Academy Award (for her song, *Up Where We Belong*), she is also the recipient of four Juno Awards, a Golden Globe for *Power in the Blood*, the Governor-General's Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award, the 2015 Polaris Prize, multiple Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards and 13 honorary degrees. Buffy Sainte-Marie has been inducted into many halls of fame and is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

The form of the necklace is that of a traditional First Nations gorget. The large sterling bead is inlaid with stones and designs to evoke Buffy's Cree heritage. The cable represents a guitar string and the feather-like discs are to convey soldiers' buttons of her iconic song, Universal Soldier.

sterling silver, various inlays, wood, pearls, glass beads
14 x 14 cm