



BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE

FOLK SINGER

Internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter, visual artist, Aboriginal-rights advocate and teacher, Buffy Sainte-Marie was born on the Piapot Reserve in Saskatchewan. She began playing piano at the age of 3, the guitar at 16 and by 22 was performing worldwide. In 1964, she was voted Billboard's Best New Artist for her first album.

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. She holds a PhD in Fine Art and degrees in both Oriental philosophy and teaching. She received a Golden Globe and an Academy Award for the song *Up Where We Belong*, now has 13 honorary degrees, several Juno Awards and received the Polaris Music Prize in 2015 for *Power in the Blood*. She is an Officer of the Order of Canada, has received Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards and has been inducted into a number of halls of fame. In 2010, Buffy received the Governor-General's Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award

The form is 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