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Baez still makes good music with a conscience

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Joan Baez is almost as famous for her political activism as for her music.

She was one of the first musical stars with a social conscience. It's a virtue that is once again being practiced by many of today's new generation of musicians.

"Rock singers, especially, could take a few lessons from Joan," said Beatrice Johnson, a Portland-based singer-songwriter and long-time fan of Baez. "The good news is that in the last few years more musicians have developed a stronger sense of social justice. The benefit concerts of a few years ago concerning the famine in Ethiopia and the practice of apartheid in South Africa were beautiful expressions. But those kind of happenings wouldn't have been possible without someone like Joan."

Baez, who is scheduled to appear at the Hult Center 8 p.m. Friday, has always been committed to social justice. As a teenager, Baez attracted atten-

tion with her remarkable voice and her zeal for political and social change.

She first gained critical attention in 1959 when she appeared at the Newport Folk Festival. She joined the Civil Rights Movement in the early '60s, often singing songs that became anthems for racial harmony and justice, and became a symbol for non-violence.

"Joan has always been involved and interested in social change for the better," said Johnson. "She participated in Live Aid and the International Amnesty tour a few years ago. But long before the music world reawakened to the need for social change and renewed interest in human rights issues, Joan was out in front with the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement, and advocating other causes involving the principle of non-violent change."

Baez has recorded 50 albums, eight of which have reached gold (500,000 copies sold) status. Her latest LP is "Recently."

"Joan has never sold out when it comes to her music," said Johnson. "She has retained

her integrity musically as she has socially. But even so, she's had excellent commercial success without compromising her values. For someone to sell as many records as she has and still keep her critical reputation, especially in the folk music field, is remarkable."

Johnson said that Baez's most commercial album is probably "Diamonds and Rust," which was released in the early '70s. Her biggest-selling and most popular single is "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down."

"Joan's pristine voice is probably her greatest asset," said Johnson. "It's vibrant and rich and subtle. It's the kind of voice which makes you realize that the human voice is truly the greatest musical instrument of all."

In addition to entertaining and enlightening people with her music, Baez is still involved in two of her own institutions dedicated to non-violence and social change. She founded her first institution in 1965, The Resource Center For Non-Violence, and in 1979 she founded the Humanitas International, a foundation dedicated to helping poor people across the world.



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Joan Baez will appear at the Hult Center this Friday at 8 p.m. with her politically aware folk music.



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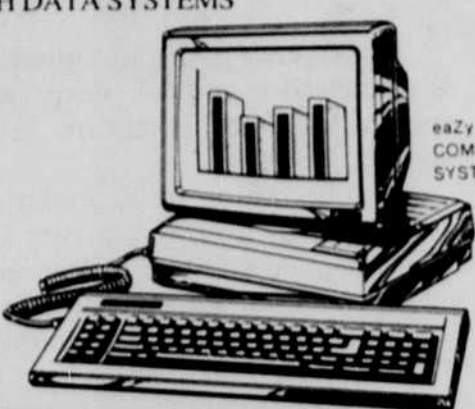
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