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### Pete Seeger

Born in 1919, Pete was the iconic folksinger of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. An activist and songwriter, Pete made an impact on all the social change movements of his era

### Filmmakers

**Director, Producer: Polly Wells**

Polly works in documentary film and factual television in the US and Canada. Her work has aired on major network and cable outlets.

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