



A Friends of MPL Event

Saturday June 7, 2014 - 2:00 pm

Millbrae Public Library - 1 Library Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030 / (650) 697-7607

Pete Seeger Remembered

Champion of Folk Music & Social Change

Peter "Pete" Seeger (May 3, 1919 – January 27, 2014) was an American folk singer and activist. A prolific songwriter, his best-known songs include "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" (with Joe Hickerson), "If I Had a Hammer (The Hammer Song)" (with Lee Hays of the Weavers), and "Turn! Turn! Turn!" (lyrics adapted from Ecclesiastes), which have been recorded by many artists both in and outside the folk revival movement and are sung throughout the world. "Flowers" was a hit recording for the Kingston Trio (1962); Marlene Dietrich, who recorded it in English, German and French (1962); and Johnny Rivers (1965). "If I Had a Hammer" was a hit for Peter, Paul & Mary (1962) and Trini Lopez (1963), while the Byrds had a number one hit with "Turn! Turn! Turn!" in 1965. Seeger was one of the folksingers most responsible for popularizing the spiritual "We Shall Overcome" (also recorded by Joan Baez and many other singer-activists) that became the acknowledged anthem of the 1960s American Civil Rights Movement.

Ray Chi, who was a DJ in a Bay Area Chinese Radio Station, will lead a talk about Peter "Pete" Seeger and his songs. Ray also plans to share with us Pete's popular songs and other recordings. Join us for an intellectually stimulating early summer afternoon. (Presentation in Mandarin Chinese.)

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