

# Neil Young: Living Legend

By Jet Graham



# Neil Percival Young

Born November 12, 1945  
Ontario, Canada

Singer, Songwriter, guitar,  
piano, harmonica

Two-time Member of the  
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

- Soloist
- Buffalo Springfield

Neil Young is one of the most prolific musical talents of the last sixty years. His longevity and broad range of styles have gained him fans from all walks of life.

Neil, with his unique voice, can play a soft, touching folk song with an acoustic guitar and his own harmonica accompaniment. Or he can go electric and rock out with the volume turned way up.

Grunge anthems, protest songs, personal ballads, heavy metal rockers are all fair game to Neil, and played with enthusiasm as well as grace.

Neil's early influences include the most famous names from the beginnings of rock and roll music such as Elvis, Fats Domino, Clif Richard, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, and Roy Orbison.

# The Original Super Group

## Father of Grunge

## Uncle Neil

Neil Young has been apart of so many aspects of rock and roll history. He was a key member of one of the first Super Groups...Buffalo Springfield. He also joined Crosby, Stills, and Nash to create some of the most important music of the late 1960s early '70s protest era.

In the 1990s Neil Young partnered with Pearl Jam on the album Mirror Ball which launched the Grunge music genre.

Neil frequently returns to his metal band Crazy Horse to plug in his electric guitar, turn up the volume, and jam.

"Uncle Neil" continues to mentor and collaborate with younger musicians such as Willie Nelson's sons in the group Promise of the Real.

# The Bridge School

Neil Young and his wife Peggy started a school for children needing alternative communication. I was fortunate to attend for five years before transitioning to my local school with my mainstream peers. I truly appreciate Neil as a musician and as a wonderful person.

The Bridge School Benefit Concerts were a favorite of music fans for 30 years. Each October, Neil would host several popular musicians and their bands for an acoustic concert to raise money for The Bridge School. A unique aspect of these shows was the fact that the students got to be on stage and hang out backstage with the artists.



# Bridge School Benefit Concert

Jet Graham with My Morning Jacket, 2013



Bridge School Benefit Concert, 2016

