

# Nina Simone

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## The Juilliard School of Music

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A civil rights activist and songstress. Attended the Juilliard School in 1950. Her album, "*Nina Simone in Concert (1964)*" addressed racial inequality in the United States in the song "*Mississippi Goddam*" in response to the June 12, 1963, murder of Medgar Evers and the September 15, 1963, bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Her song "*To Be Young, Gifted and Black*" by Lorraine Hansberry became a civil rights theme.

