The True Story of the Revolutionary Native American Rock Band

In the 1970s, a group of Native American musicians from the Navajo Nation came together to form a rock band called Redbone. Their music was a unique blend of traditional Native American sounds and rock and roll, and their lyrics often spoke to the struggles and experiences of Native Americans. Redbone's music was a powerful force for social change, and their story is one of triumph and adversity.



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The Early Years

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Redbone was founded in 1970 by brothers Pat and Lolly Vegas. The Vegas brothers grew up on the Navajo Nation, and they were influenced by both traditional Native American music and rock and roll. They began playing music together as children, and they eventually formed a band with their cousin, Tony Bellamy. The band's early sound was a mix of rock, blues, and country, but they soon began to incorporate more traditional Native American elements into their music. In 1971, Redbone released their debut album, *Redbone*. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to launch the band's career. Redbone's music was praised for its originality and its powerful lyrics. The band's songs often spoke to the struggles faced by Native Americans, and they helped to raise awareness of the issues facing Native American communities.

The Rise to Fame

After the release of their debut album, Redbone began to tour extensively. The band played to sold-out crowds across the United States and Europe. They also appeared on several popular television shows, including *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* and *Don Kirshner's Rock Concert*. Redbone's popularity reached its peak in 1974 with the release of their album *Wovoka*. The album featured the hit single "Come and Get Your Love," which became a Top 10 hit on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. "Come and Get Your Love" is still considered one of the greatest rock songs of all time.

Redbone's success was groundbreaking for Native American musicians. They were the first Native American band to achieve mainstream success, and they helped to pave the way for other Native American artists. Redbone's music was a powerful force for social change, and their story is one of triumph and adversity.

The Decline and Fall

Redbone's popularity began to decline in the late 1970s. The band's music was no longer as popular with mainstream audiences, and they began to experience personal and financial problems. In 1980, Redbone broke up.

The band members went their separate ways, and they pursued solo careers.

The Legacy of Redbone

Despite their brief time in the spotlight, Redbone left a lasting legacy. Their music continues to inspire people today, and their story is a reminder of the power of music to bring about social change. Redbone's music is a testament to the resilience of the Native American people, and it continues to be a source of pride for Native American communities.

The Book

The true story of Redbone is told in the book *The True Story of the Revolutionary Native American Rock Band*. The book is written by Pat Vegas, one of the founding members of the band. The book tells the story of Redbone's rise to fame, their decline and fall, and their lasting legacy. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in Native American history, music, or culture.

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