

# Bob Dylan turns 70

■ **1941:** Born May 24, as **Robert Zimmerman**, in Duluth, Minnesota

■ **1961:** Heads to New York, playing clubs in Greenwich Village.

First album, **Bob Dylan**, released

■ **1963-64:** Protest songs such as **Blowin' in the Wind**, **A Hard Rain's a-Gonna Fall**, and **The Times They Are a-Changin'** become anthems for U.S. civil rights and anti-war movements

■ **1965:** Use of electric guitars proves controversial. Six-minute **Like a Rolling Stone** revolutionises perceptions of popular music

■ **1974:** Returns to live touring after seven-year break following near-fatal motorbike accident

■ **1975:** Releases **Blood on the Tracks**, now regarded as one his finest albums

■ **1988:** **Never Ending Tour** – still in progress – begins

■ **1991:** Receives Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award

■ **2005:** Martin Scorsese's acclaimed film biography, **No Direction Home**, broadcast

■ **2011:** At least 30 tour dates scheduled worldwide

