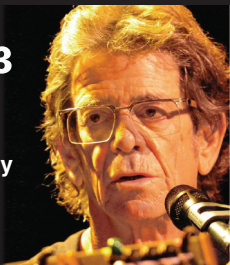


Lou Reed

1942-2013

Punk poet of rock 'n' roll who profoundly influenced generations of musicians



■ **Mar 2, 1942:** **Lewis Allan Reed** born in Brooklyn, New York

■ **1961-64:** Studies journalism, film, creative writing at Syracuse University

■ **1964:** Forms ***Velvet Underground*** with ***John Cale***, ***Sterling Morrison*** and ***Maureen Tucker***. Artist ***Andy Warhol*** becomes producer

■ **1967:** ***The Velvet Underground with Nico*** released. Album opens rock music to avant-garde – Punk, New Wave and alternative rock. Velvets become house band at Warhol's seminal ***Factory*** studio

■ **1972:** Moves to UK. Releases debut solo album, ***Lou Reed***. Second album, ***Transformer***, co-produced with ***David Bowie***, contains classic tracks ***Walk on the Wild Side***, ***Satellite of Love*** and ***Perfect Day***. Career continues until 2011

■ **May 2013:** After long battle with drink and drugs Reed suffers liver failure, receives transplant

Oct 27: Lou Reed dies aged 71