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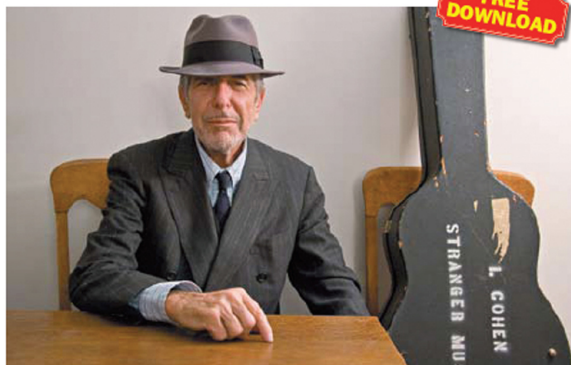


**Leonard Cohen**  
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## Dark beauty

Leonard Cohen returns to the stage and releases *Live in London*.

By Amanda Waas



Plenty of legendary musicians have played the gilded halls of Radio City, but few have brought the unflinching sincerity of Leonard Cohen to the stage. With more than 40 years of writing, recording, and performing (along with his authorship of a dozen books—including two novels), Cohen's repertoire is as prolific as it is compelling. Detailing the love, longing and desperation of youth, and the wry, cynical resignation of old age, Cohen's creative catalog transcends mere artistry and instead lives as a testament to how truly complex and simple life can be at the same time.

Using a booming baritone and lyrics laced with signatura, gut-wrenching honesty, Cohen tackles love, sex, spirituality and depression with a quiet intensity. And yet that intensity hasn't

gone unnoticed. When inducting him into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2008, Lou Reed counted Cohen among the "highest and most influential echelon of songwriters." To date, more than 1,000 renditions of Cohen's songs have been recorded—Judy Garland, Jeff Buckley and Rufus Wainwright are among the diverse artists who have taken on his music.

As beloved and highly regarded by as he is, it's no wonder that Cohen's return to the U.S. stage at The Beacon Theatre in February 2008, after a 15-year absence, sold out instantly. He'll be back in New York for a two-night engagement on May 16 and 17, filling the historic halls of Radio City with poetic candor.

For those who simply cannot wait for May to experience Cohen, *Live in London*, his new

double CD or DVD, is available March 31. Recorded in 2008, the disc offers performances of 25 classic songs from Cohen's massive discography—including fan favorites such as "Tm Your Man," "Suzanne" and "Hallelujah."

Of the many promises Cohen croons, "Tm Your Man" may be the most indelible—and for two nights bathed in the historic spotlight of Radio City, he will be.

*Leonard Cohen will perform at Radio City Music Hall May 16 and 17.*



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