



## IT'S LEONARD COHEN WEEK ON CBCMUSIC.CA

*In celebration of his new album, Popular Problems, and his 80th birthday, CBCMusic.ca will provide fans with exclusive coverage including an advance stream of the record.*

Starting today, [CBCMusic.ca](http://CBCMusic.ca) has the Canadian exclusive First Play of Leonard Cohen's new album, **Popular Problems** available [here](#). To celebrate, CBCMusic.ca has lined up special programming from today through Sunday, Sept. 21st and declared Sept. 19th **Leonard Cohen Day** on **CBC Radio 2**. Fans can go to [CBCMusic.ca](http://CBCMusic.ca) for extensive Cohen coverage to celebrate the release of *Popular Problems*, including a post of the *25 essential Leonard Cohen songs* featuring write-ups from Margaret Atwood, Mitsou, Jill Barber and more. Exclusive videos of Cohen covers from Ron Sexsmith, Basia Bulat, Scott Helman, Reuben and The Dark, and Jay Malinowski & The Deadcoast will be posted throughout the week. The site will also have a video tribute to Cohen by various musicians, including Jenny Lewis, Sloan, Rich Aucoin and more, wishing him a happy birthday. To top it off, there will be blog posts including *80 Reasons to Love Leonard Cohen*, special photo galleries, quotes, polls, prizes and more.

On Friday, Sept. 19th in honour of Leonard Cohen's upcoming 80th birthday, **CBC Radio 2** will air special Cohen programming on **Radio 2 Morning**, **Shift** and **Drive** beginning at 6:00 am. Throughout the day listeners will hear past interviews with Cohen talking about his life and music, never-before heard tracks from his new album, and exclusive covers of Leonard Cohen's biggest songs by artists such as Ron Sexsmith, Basia Bullat, Reuben and The Dark and more. Tom Allen will also examine the best version of Cohen's timeless classic, *Hallelujah*, on **Shift**.

And, on Cohen's birthday, Sunday September 21, **CBC Radio 2 Weekend Morning** listeners will hear a full-length interview between Leonard Cohen and Shelagh Rogers. Between 8 and 9 a.m., this 2006 interview (which was originally broadcast on CBC Radio's *Sounds Like Canada*) will be played in full. The interview features Cohen discussing five of his songs which had recently been inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame: *Suzanne*, *Everybody Knows*, *Bird on a Wire*, *Sisters of Mercy*, and *Hallelujah*.

Also, **Inside The Music** will air *Various Positions - Leonard Cohen In His Own Words*. This two-part documentary will feature interviews Cohen has given CBC Radio and television over the past 50 years.

Part one (Sept. 14 at 3 p.m./3:30 NT) on CBC Radio 2, repeated Sept. 17 (7:00 pm /7:30 NT) is *Magic is Alive*. It takes us from Leonard Cohen's first appearance on the Montreal scene in the '50s up to the release of his first albums in the late '60s.

Part two (Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. /3:30 NT) on CBC Radio 2, repeated Sept. 24 (7:00 p.m. /7:30 NT) is *Waiting for the Miracle*, covers Cohen's life and career from the late '60s to present

For more information about Leonard Cohen Week please go to [CBCMusic.ca/leonardcohen](http://CBCMusic.ca/leonardcohen).

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