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Australia  
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## Program

2:00-3:30 p.m.

### Opening Remarks and Introduction of Special Guests:

Esther Cohen, Robert Kory,  
John Lissauer, Bob Johnston, Larry (Ratso) Sloman

Dick Straub

### Cohen Management Remarks

Robert Kory

### Chelsea Hotel Remarks

David Elder

### *Chelsea Hotel #2 Video*

*Songs from the Life of Leonard Cohen (BBC)*  
"Chelsea Hotel #3" (Wijbe Lageveen)

### Plaque Unveiling

Ceremony Team: Dick Straub, Len Bierbrier and Sue Giffard

### Chelsea Reception

David Elder, host

### Background videos

Compiled by Len Bierbrier

**Refreshments courtesy of the Chelsea Hotel**

# LEONARD COHEN

POET, NOVELIST, SINGER-SONGWRITER

“I remember you well in the Chelsea Hotel...”  
FROM THE SONG “CHELSEA HOTEL #2,” 1974

PRESENTED TO COMMEMORATE HIS 75th BIRTHDAY  
BY MEMBERS OF THE LEONARD COHEN FORUM

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

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# Leonard Cohen Plaque Dedication Ceremony Chelsea Hotel



New York City  
October 23, 2009

## Chelsea Hotel #2

I remember you well in the Chelsea Hotel,  
you were talking so brave and so sweet;  
giving me head on the unmade bed,  
while the limousines wait in the street.

And those were the reasons, and that was New York,  
we were running for the money and the flesh;  
and that was called love for the workers in song,  
probably still is for those of them left.

*But you got away, didn't you, baby,  
you just turned your back on the crowd.*

*You got away, I never once heard you say:  
"I need you, I don't need you,  
I need you, I don't need you,  
and all of that jiving around."*

I remember you well in the Chelsea Hotel,  
you were famous, your heart was a legend.

You told me again you preferred handsome men,  
but for me you would make an exception.

And clenching your fist for the ones like us  
who are oppressed by the figures of beauty,  
you fixed yourself, you said: "Well, never mind,  
We are ugly, but we have the music."

*And then you got away, didn't you, baby,  
you just turned your back on the crowd.*

*You got away, I never once heard you say:  
"I need you, I don't need you,  
I need you, I don't need you,  
and all of that jiving around."*

I don't mean to suggest that I loved you the best;  
I can't keep track of each fallen robin.

I remember you well in the Chelsea Hotel –  
that's all, I don't even think of you that often.

Sean Boggs – Portland, OR  
Sevil Sungur – Istanbul, Turkey  
Sharon Goldberg – Brooklyn, NY  
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Canada  
Shelley Dunne – Dublin, Ireland  
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Sinikka Hiljanen – Finland  
Songul Gonul – Turkey  
Sophia Koutselini – Greece  
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PA  
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