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# LEONARD COHEN

## ANNOUNCES "OLD IDEAS WORLD TOUR 2012"

*"Baby I've been here before, I know this room I've walked this floor..."*

26 March 2012 -- Following the release of Leonard Cohen's highly acclaimed twelfth studio album 'Old Ideas,' the legendary singer/songwriter/poet will once again return to the stage with an all new tour and #1 Album.

To the delight of his legions of fans, the magnetic and inimitable Leonard Cohen returns to the scene with the most emotive, poignant and legendary concerts yet. The World Tour will begin August 12, 2012 in Belgium, St Peters Square, Ghent. Tickets go on sale March 30, 2012. Leonard will return to North America this Fall, details to be announced soon. For more information visit [www.Leonardcohen.com](http://www.Leonardcohen.com).

In his sixth decade of producing critically acclaimed music, Leonard Cohen remains at the top of his game and is arguably one of the greatest singer-songwriters of all time. Reaching unprecedented heights, 'Old Ideas' debuted at #1 across the globe and is the highest charting album of Cohen's career. Worldwide praise has been mounting for this highly anticipated collection of new material with The Telegraph declaring it as a "work of genius."

Citing W.B Yeats, Irving Layton and Walt Whitman as literary influences Cohen first shot to the forefront of the music industry in the 60's and has remained an inspirational talent and contributor to the industry since he first emerged. His lyrics of lust, love, religion, death and seclusion have enlightened fans and musicians worldwide. Boasting an estimated 1,330 covers of his original songs, Leonard Cohen's work has enamoured the likes of U2, REM, Nick Cave and the late Johnny Cash, among many others.

His albums *Songs of Leonard Cohen* (1967), *The Future* (1993) and *Ten New Songs* (2001) are rightly considered classics along with the beautiful singles "Hallelujah" and "Suzanne". His literary genius and unique musical talent are as legendary as the man himself.

Leonard Cohen earned rave reviews throughout his triumphant 2008-2010 World Tour, with *The Observer* praising the show as "An evening of pure gold," while *The Daily Telegraph* plainly stated "immaculate, beautiful, exquisite." *The Independent* reported that "to hear him sing is still an experience to truly make young women and romantics shiver and sweat" and *Toronto Sun* declared Leonard Cohen "Charming, funny, poignant, smart, sharp, sexy... he is still a ladykiller." *Daily Express* hailed that "Leonard Cohen is special and this concert – all two-and-a-half-hours of it – was unforgettable" and *Irish Independent* recounted that "What I witnessed was soul inspiring on every level, I have never been so moved by a performance, everything about the night was magical." *The Times* suggested "On this kind of grand autumnal form, he should tour every year."

### "OLD IDEAS WORLD TOUR 2012":

12 Aug	Ghent	St Peters Square
14 Aug	Ghent	St Peters Square
25 Aug	Copenhagen	Rosenborg Castle
26 Aug	Aalborg	Molleparken
28 Aug	Bergen	Bergenhus Festning-Koengen
31 Aug	Gothenberg	Tradgardsforeningen
2 Sep	Helsinki	Sonera Stadium

<b>5 Sep</b>	<b>Berlin</b>	<b>Wuhlheide</b>
<b>6 Sep</b>	<b>Monchengladbach</b>	<b>Hockey Field</b>
<b>11 Sep</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Imma</b>
<b>12 Sep</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Imma</b>
<b>25 Sep</b>	<b>Verona</b>	<b>Verona Arena</b>
<b>28 Sep</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Olympia</b>
<b>29 Sep</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Olympia</b>
<b>30 Sep</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Olympia</b>
<b>3 Oct</b>	<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>St Jordi</b>
<b>5 Oct</b>	<b>Madrid</b>	<b>Palais Desportes</b>
<b>7 Oct</b>	<b>Lisbon</b>	<b>Pavilhao Atlantico</b>