

I always thought I would meet Leonard Cohen - or that I should. I thought of him as a kind of wise, weird uncle who no one had introduced me to and that it was just a matter of time. When people mentioned Cohen I'd want to say, "funny, I actually know him. I mean we haven't met, but..." I moved to Montreal when I was 18 and even though he wasn't living in the city anymore I was always looking for him. Last spring I was in Montreal walking up St. Laurent listening to his newest album, *You Want It Darker*, and I was still expecting to, I really felt that I would finally run into the man. Of course I wouldn't: he'd died in the fall, the night before the American election. On the title track of that new record he sings "Hineni, Hineni, I'm ready my lord". I didn't understand the first part of the line so I stopped by the Parc du Portugal and googled 'Hineni'. It's Hebrew for 'here I am'. Of course he was talking to God about being ready to leave this world, but it was a good clue for those of us ghost-hunting: He's right there, in his poetry, his great interviews and these timeless songs. That's why I thought I knew him all along, why he feels like family. There really is not much that one can say about Leonard Cohen that has not already been said by Cohen himself - and with more insight, wit and grace than any of us could muster. So for this show we've let him do the talking: all the words you heard come from Cohen (with one little intervention from Janis Joplin). We hope you enjoyed spending some time with him, and that you found something in it. We certainly have.



Frank Cox-O'Connell

PERFORMERS & PRODUCTION

FEATURED PERFORMERS

Alana Bridgewater
 Beau Dixon
 Sara Farb
 Evangelia Kambites
 Cyrus Lane
 Mike Ross

MUSICIANS

James Ervin
Trumpet
 Jacob Gorzhaltsan
Clarinet
 Scott Hunter
Bass
 Mike Ross
Piano
 James Smith
Guitar, Keyboard
 Adam Warner
Drums

CREATIVE

Frank Cox-O'Connell
 Marni Jackson
Co-writers
 Frank Cox-O'Connell
Original Director
 Carly Chamberlain
Assistant Director
 Mike Ross
*Arranger, Music Director,
 Slaughter Family Director of Music*
 James Smith
Associate Music Director
 Andres Castillo-Smith
Sound Designer
 Simon Rossiter
Lighting Designer
 David Costello
Video Designer

Jordana Weiss
Stage Manager
 Neha Ross
Assistant Stage Manager
 Noah Feaver
Assistant Lighting Designer

PRODUCTION

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Technical Director
 Colton Stang
Audio Operator
 Ashton Vetter
Lighting Operator
 Emily Langride
Video Operator
 Jason Lane
Deck Audio
 Robert Harding
Production Stage Manager

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 FOR FULL SEASON SCHEDULE

1. IN MY SECRET LIFE (2001)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen & Sharon Robinson
 Performer: Ensemble

2. BIRD ON THE WIRE (1969)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Alana Bridgewater

3. HEY THAT'S NO WAY TO SAY GOODBYE (1967)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Sara Farb

4. ANTHEM (1992)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Cyrus Lane

5. CHELSEA HOTEL #2 / PIECE OF MY HEART (1974/1968)

Songwriters: *Chelsea Hotel* (Leonard Cohen), *Piece of My Heart* (Jerry Ragovoy, Bert Berns)
 Arrangement: Frank Cox-O'Connell, Hailey Gillis, & Mike Ross.
 Performer: Sara Farb & Mike Ross

6. I'M YOUR MAN (1988)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Evangelia Kambites

7. TAKE THIS WALTZ (1988)

Songwriters: Federico Garcia Lorca & Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Beau Dixon

8. FAMOUS BLUE RAINCOAT (1971)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Sara Farb

9. DANCE ME TO THE END OF LOVE (1984)

Songwriters: Leonard Cohen & David Campbell
 Performer: Mike Ross

10. THE FUTURE (1992)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Beau Dixon

11. IF IT BE YOUR WILL (1984)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Evangelia Kambites

12. YOU WANT IT DARKER (2016)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen & music by Patrick Leonard
 Performer: Cyrus Lane

13. TOWER OF SONG (1988)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Alana Bridgewater

14. SO LONG, MARIANNE (1967)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Ensemble

15. (ENCORE) HALLELUJAH (1984)

Songwriter: Leonard Cohen
 Performer: Ensemble

All songs arranged by Mike Ross except where noted.

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