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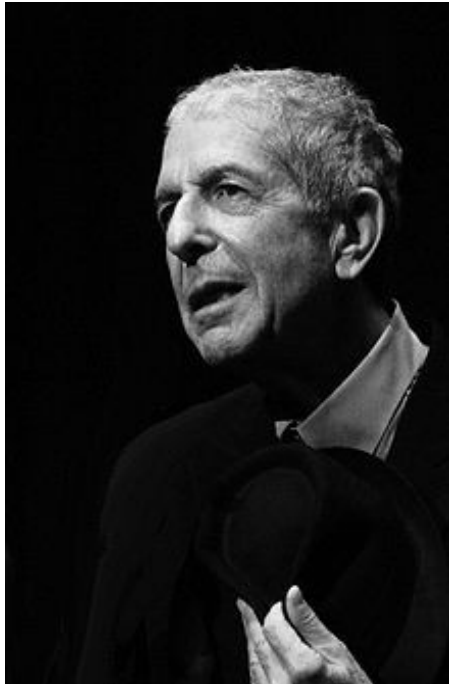
## THE SONGS OF LEONARD COHEN PRESS RELEASE – FEBRUARY 2013

Leonard Norman Cohen, born 1934, can be described as one of the most accomplished singer song writers and poets of our time. He published his first book of poetry in 1956 and his first novel in 1963. It was during his time spent on the Greek Island of Hydra that his genius began to emerge. In true bohemian style, he returned from Greece, by all accounts, penniless and joined the cult folk revival that existed in New York during the mid-60s. The rest, as they say, is history. The basis for his work focuses on the deepest of thoughts and feelings known to man such as sexuality, complex interpersonal relationships, religion and morality. Cohen is highly regarded by critics for his lucid, rich lyrics and for producing intimate compositions of high artistic quality over a five decade career.

Over 2,000 versions of Cohen's songs have been recorded worldwide but none as centred, poignant and sensual as Keith James' beautiful interpretations.

*"I am endeavouring to pair each song back to its' central core and original sense of purpose by performing each song as near to the way it was originally written, exposing Cohen's unprecedented sense of humanity"*

Over the past two years Keith has recently completed three successful national tours of this concert, giving over 150 performances. The shows during 2013 are in fact, the remaining dates at venues not yet visited – set to become the largest tour of its kind spanning the UK with over 200 concerts at selected Art Centres and Theatres. Performing this music has proved to be one of the greatest honours in Keith James' 30 year career in music.



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