

PRESS DEPT.
 A&M RECORDS
 136 - 144 NEW KING'S ROAD
 LONDON SW6 4LZ
 TEL: 0171 705 4343
 FAX: 0171 731 4606



LEONARD COHEN - 'TOWER OF SONGS'

*Sting, Elton John, Suzanne Vega, Billy Joel, Bono,
 Tori Amos, Peter Gabriel, Don Henley & others pay tribute...*

2nd October 1995 sees the A&M release of 'Tower Of Songs. The Songs Of Leonard Cohen' (catalogue number 540-259-2) an album which sees a host of today's brightest stars of pop, country and alternative music united in a moving celebration of the acclaimed Canadian singer/songwriter whose work has influenced and inspired generations of musicians.

'Tower Of Songs', with its contributions from Bono, Elton John, Sting, Suzanne Vega, Don Henley et al, is as rich and original as Cohen's own remarkable body of work, which spans almost 40 years, beginning in the mid 1950's with award-winning poetry and encompassing novels and musical albums, all stamped with Cohen's own highly distinctive lyrics and riveting sounds.

'Tower Of Song' presents Cohen's musical brilliance in wonderful new settings, with Billy Joel laying bare the gospel soul of 'Light As The Breeze', Sting and The Chieftans imbuing 'Sisters Of Mercy' with Celtic fire and Elton John rocking out 'I'm Your Man'. Willie Nelson delivers 'Bird On A Wire' as a wise lament and Aaron Neville charges 'Ain't No Cure For Love' with country yearning. Suzanne Vega sings 'Story Of Isaac' with crystalline grace, Tori Amos alone with her piano turns in a lush, romantic 'Famous Blue Raincoat', while Bono makes a statement equally stark and sacred with 'Hallelujah'. 'Everybody Knows' gets a wry, smart reading from Don Henley, and in the deft, contrasting takes of 'Coming Back To You' Trisha Yearwood and Martin Gore find a message that's both timeless and absolutely contemporary.

As one of the premier writers in popular music, Cohen excels with his exquisitely crafted lyrics and dark sense of humour and irony. His songs are truly captivating, revealing a power, strength and subtlety in understanding the ways of the heart that simply demands repeated listenings - this is the very essence of Leonard Cohen.

Faced with this tribute album and asked for a response, Cohen simply states "Gratitude. I am very very happy when anybody covers any of my songs. Except for being written, this is the best thing that has happened to these songs, and I am deeply grateful to these eminent artists, who could so easily have done without this project, for their kindness and solidarity."

The full track listing for 'Tower Of Song. The Songs Of Leonard Cohen' is as follows:

Don Henley - Everybody Knows
 Trisha Yearwood - Coming Back To You
 Sting & The Chieftans - Sister Of Mercy
 Bono - Hallelujah
 Tori Amos - Famous Blue Raincoat
 Aaron Neville - Ain't No Cure For Love
 Elton John - I'm Your Man
 Willie Nelson - Bird On A Wire
 Peter Gabriel - Suzanne
 Billy Joel - Light As The Breeze
 Jann Arden - If It Be Your Will
 Suzanne Vega - Story Of Isaac
 Martin Gore - Coming Back To You