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**LEONARD COHEN'S "MORE BEST OF" IN STORES OCTOBER 7th**

Columbia Records is celebrating Leonard Cohen's 30th anniversary as a recording artist with the label with the release of ***MORE BEST OF***, a new compilation combining classic tracks from the past two decades with two new songs. ***MORE BEST OF*** is due in stores on October 7th.

***MORE BEST OF*** debuts two new Leonard Cohen songs -- "Never Any Good" and "The Great Event" -- and reprises "Everybody Knows," "First We Take Manhattan," "I'm Your Man," "Take This Waltz," and "Tower Of Song" (from *I'm Your Man*); "Anthem," "Democracy," "The Future," and "Closing Time" (from *The Future*); and "Dance Me To The End Of Love," "Who By Fire," and "Suzanne" (from *Cohen Live*).

Leonard Cohen's debut album, *The Songs Of Leonard Cohen*, was released on Columbia Records on December 27, 1967. Since that time, Cohen has recorded eight additional studio albums -- *Songs From A Room* (1969), *Songs Of Love and Hate* (1971), *New Skin For The Old Ceremony* (1973), *Death Of A Ladies' Man* (1977), *Recent Songs* (1979), *Various Positions* (1984), *I'm Your Man* (1988) and *The Future* (1992); 2 live albums -- *Live Songs* (1972) and *Cohen Live* (1994); and his first "greatest hits" collection, *Best Of Leonard Cohen* (1975). Over the course of his career, Leonard Cohen has sold more than 11 million albums worldwide.

Cohen has published 11 books, including two novels (1963's *The Favorite Game* and 1966's *Beautiful Losers*). His songs have been covered throughout the world and have influenced generations of songwriters. Cohen's music has earned the accolades of other artists in tribute albums in France, Norway, Canada, Spain, the Czech Republic, South Africa and the United States; among these are the best-selling American album *Tower Of Song* and Jennifer Warnes' *Famous Blue Raincoat*.

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