

Programs in Conjunction with *Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything* at the Jewish Museum

New York, NY, May 9, 2019 - In conjunction with the exhibition *Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything*, the Jewish Museum will present a series of public programs including an authors roundtable; a participatory performance with Choir!Choir!Choir!; cantors performing covers of Cohen songs; performances by Meredith Monk and The Young People's Chorus of New York City, both presented by Bang on a Can; and adult studio workshops.

Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything is a contemporary art exhibition devoted to the imagination and legacy of the influential singer/songwriter, man of letters, and global icon. Organized by the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (MAC), the exhibition is curated by John Zeppetelli, Director and Chief Curator at the MAC, and Victor Shiffman, Co-Curator.

Further program and ticket information is available by calling 212.423.3337 or online at TheJewishMuseum.org/calendar. Programs are at the Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, Manhattan.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Performance by Meredith Monk

Presented with Bang on a Can

Thursday, May 23, 8 pm

Tickets: \$20 General; \$16 Students and Seniors; \$12 Members

Renowned composer/performer Meredith Monk, recipient of a 2015 National Medal of the Arts, offers a rare, intimate concert – her premiere at the Jewish Museum – with members of her Vocal Ensemble, Katie Geissinger and Allison Sniffin. The concert reflects Monk's six decades of innovation and vocal mastery and is presented in conjunction with the exhibition *Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything*.

I'm Your Man: Authors Roundtable

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$18 General; \$15 Students and Seniors; \$12 members

A conversation with authors Sylvie Simmons (*I'm Your Man: The Life of Leonard Cohen*); Alan Light (*The Holy or the Broken: Leonard Cohen, Jeff Buckley, and the Unlikely Ascent of "Hallelujah"*); and Chantal Ringuet (*Les révolutions de Leonard Cohen*); as well as music producer John Lissauer.

Choir! Choir! Choir! Presents Hallelujah

Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 pm – Leonard Cohen exhibition open from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$5 General; Free for members

Toronto-based musical duo Daveed Goldman and Nobu Adilman (AKA "DaBu") started Choir! Choir! Choir! as a weekly drop-in singing event in February 2011. Their events are equal parts singing, comedy, and community-building. Over the course of 90-minutes, the duo will teach attendees an original 3-part choral arrangement of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

Who Shall I Say Is Calling? A Night of Covers

Thursday, June 20, 8 pm

Tickets: \$24 General; \$16 Students and Seniors; \$12 members

From studying kabbalah to infusing his songs with lyrics that incorporate Hebrew prayers or reference liturgical themes, Leonard Cohen demonstrated a profound connection to his Jewish identity. This program features Cantor Azi Schwartz, Park Avenue Synagogue; Cantor Gideon Zelermyer, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, Québec; and Cantor Basya Schechter, Romemu synagogue, performing covers of Cohen songs that reflect the artist's deep engagement with spirituality and his Jewish heritage.

Adult Studio Workshop: Poetic Portraits

Sunday, June 23, 1 – 5pm

Course Fee: \$75 General; \$60 Jewish Museum Members; all materials included, all skill levels welcome

Participants explore *Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything* before creating self-portraits inspired by Cohen's artwork, combining figuration and poetry.

Performance by Young People's Chorus of New York City

Presented with Bang on a Can

The William Petschek Family Music Program

Thursday, July 11, 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20 General; \$16 Students and Seniors; \$12 Members

The Young People's Chorus of New York City, directed by Francisco J. Nunez, performs a selection of songs by Leonard Cohen and others. The frequent collaborators of Bang on a Can have been recognized as one of the leading and most diverse children's choirs. They have forged a unique presence in the music community for their innovative vocal arrangements that consistently cross all musical borders and for championing new works by leading composers.

Adult Studio Workshop: Zen Approaches to Creative Mindfulness with Ink and Brush

Sunday, July 28, 1 – 5pm

Course Fee: \$75 General; \$60 Jewish Museum Members; all materials included, all skill levels welcome

This afternoon workshop, led by artist Timothy Hull and inspired by Leonard Cohen's interest in Zen Buddhism, explores ink and calligraphy drawing through mindful observation. Participants will learn various ink and brush techniques, visit *Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything*, and then work together on a large drawing that reflects an awareness of mind, body, and nature.

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About the Jewish Museum

Located on New York City's famed Museum Mile, the Jewish Museum is a distinctive hub for art and Jewish culture for people of all backgrounds. Founded in 1904, the Museum was the first institution of its kind in the United States and is one of the oldest Jewish museums in the world. The Museum is devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, and offers diverse exhibitions and programs, and a unique collection of nearly 30,000 works of art, ceremonial objects, and media reflecting the global Jewish experience over more than 4,000 years.

Location: 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City

Hours: **During the run of the Leonard Cohen exhibition, Jewish Museum hours will be:** Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5:45pm; Monday and Tuesday, 11am to 5:45pm; Thursday, 11am to 8pm; Friday, 11am to 4pm.

Admission: \$18.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$8.00 for students, free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members. Free on Saturdays and select Jewish holidays.

Information: The public may call 212.423.3200 or visit TheJewishMuseum.org

About the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal

The Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal makes today's art a vital part of Montréal and Québec life. For more than fifty years, this vibrant museum has brought together local and international artists, their works and an ever-growing public. It is a place of discovery, offering visitors experiences that are continually



changing and new, and often unexpected and stirring. The Musée presents temporary exhibitions devoted to outstanding and relevant current artists who provide their own, particular insight into our society, as well as exhibitions of works drawn from the museum's extensive collection. Every form of expression may be featured: digital and sound works, installations, paintings, sculptures, ephemeral pieces, and more. In addition to its wide range of educational activities familiarizing the general public with contemporary art, the Musée also organizes unique artistic performances and festive events. It is a window onto a myriad of avant-garde expressions that increase the exposure and awareness of art throughout the city and beyond. macm.org/en/

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