



DRABINSKY GALLERY

LEONARD COHEN

Drawn To Words

works on paper

June 3 – 30 2007

World Premiere Exhibition part of the **Luminato Festival, Toronto**

Drabinsky Gallery, Toronto, in association with the **Luminato Festival**, Toronto, and the **Richard Goodall Gallery**, Manchester, UK, is proud to present the world premiere exhibition of works on paper and annotations by Canadian poet, songwriter and novelist, **Mr. Leonard Cohen**.

Drawn to Words features more than 30 pigment prints of drawings and sketches selected from Mr. Leonard Cohen's extensive private archive stretching back over 40 years.

Images from *Drawn to Words* will include portraits, nudes, objects and landscapes, many of which are annotated with Cohen's personal notes, observations and musings. Some feature recognizable characters from his songs, while others reflect his changing moods through revealing self-portraits. Drawings that capture views from his Montreal apartment, alongside pictures drawn during his five-year seclusion (1996-2001) as a Zen Buddhist Monk at Mount Baldy Zen Center are included in the collection.

Mr. Cohen has kept journals and sketchbooks since the mid 1960's. As his music career developed, he continued to sketch and draw at every available opportunity and his visual work shares many of the same qualities and themes found in his music and poetry - the light and shade of human emotion, dark humor, social commentary, sexuality and politics. At least one of Mr. Cohen's original journals will be on display during the exhibition.

Throughout his career, Mr. Cohen's art has always been highly private. Only when some of his drawings appeared in his collection of prose and poetry, *Book of Longing*, published in 2006, did his worldwide fan base get a glimpse of this side of his creativity. We are honored to make this exceptional work available to a wider audience through the publication of these limited edition pigment prints mastered by Nash Editions, California. Each will be signed, numbered and dated by Mr. Cohen and many will carry personal text.

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Drabinsky Gallery will be open Mon – Sun 10-5 during the Luminato Festival in Toronto.

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