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LEONARD COHEN'S HALLELUJAH HONOURED WITH NMPA AWARD ON EVE OF RELEASE OF DOCUMENTARY EXPLORING HIS MOST FAMOUS SONG

Hipgnosis Song Management, which offers investors a pure-play exposure to songs and associated intellectual property rights, celebrates the National Music Publishers' Association's (NMPA) decision to present Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* with the NMPA Iconic Song award.

Hallelujah is one of the most beloved songs of all time having been covered thousands of times and sold almost 10 million copies as well as having been streamed more than 5 billion times across all services.

The award comes ahead of the release of a new film, *Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, a Journey, a Song*. Produced by Sony Pictures and directed by Dan Geller & Danya Goldfine, the film is inspired by the book *The Holy Of The Broken: Leonard Cohen, Jeff Buckley & The Unlikely Ascent Of Hallelujah*. The film accesses a wealth of previously unseen Cohen footage and materials, exploring the life of the singer-songwriter through the prism of *Hallelujah*.

Earlier this month a new Leonard Cohen anthology, *Hallelujah & Songs from His Albums* containing 17 of his best-loved pieces including a previously unreleased live performance of *Hallelujah* from the 2008 Glastonbury Festival, was released digitally. A CD and double vinyl collection set will be released on 14th October.

Merck Mercuriadis, Chief Executive and Founder of Hipgnosis Song Management, said:

"It's an honour and a privilege for Hipgnosis to be custodians of Leonard Cohen's incomparable songs. In a catalogue filled with numerous classics including *Suzanne*, *Bird On A Wire*, *I'm Your Man*, *First We Take Manhattan* and so many others, *Hallelujah* towers above them all. It towers above almost any song you can think of and this honour from the NMPA which has previously honoured only one other song – John Lennon's *Imagine* – acknowledges its iconic status and how important it is in the lives of people all over the globe."

Adam Cohen, Leonard's son, said:

"The Cohen family is touched by this recognition.

"In the early 80's while writing *Hallelujah*, Leonard Cohen went into the offices of his record company who —unmoved by Cohen's sales figures— memorably said "Leonard, we know you're great but are you any good???"

"We've come a long and beautiful way from then!

"No one could have predicted the juggernaut of culture that *Hallelujah* has become, putting a holy word on the lips of so many millions, across decades and all denominations.

“To every voice that has sung and will continue to sing *Hallelujah*, we express our gratitude and appreciation. What an honor it is for the NMPA to acknowledge *Hallelujah* and have it stand at the summit alongside John Lennon’s *Imagine*.”

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