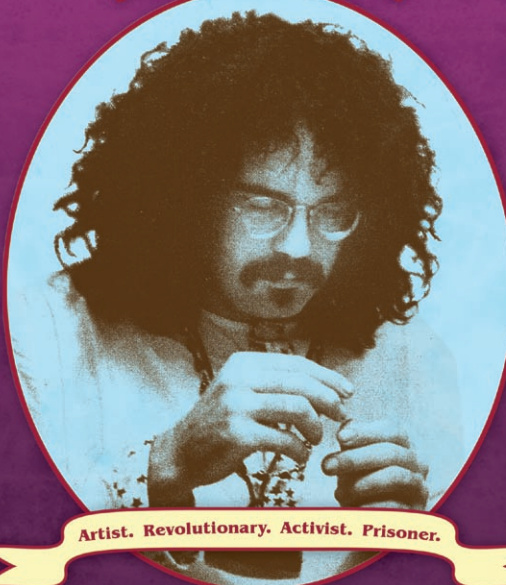


# 20 TO LIFE

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF  
JOHN SINCLAIR



Artist. Revolutionary. Activist. Prisoner.

## With appearances & performances by:

- John Lennon & Yoko Ono
- Allen Ginsberg
- MC-5
- Up
- Ed Sanders
- Commander Cody & His Lost Planet Airmen
- and more.

## Soundtrack performances by:


- MC-5
- John Lennon
- Chuck Berry
- Afrissippi
- Lyman Woodard
- Mitch Ryder & Detroit Wheels
- Sun Ra
- Allen Ginsberg
- and more.

Steve Gebhardt's films include *Ladies & Gentlemen The Rolling Stones*, *Bill Monroe: Father of Bluegrass Music*, *Carla Bley: Escalator Over the Hill* and the yet-to-be-released *10 FOR 2: The John Sinclair Freedom Rally (1972)* and *If I Could Be With You: John Sinclair with Ed Moss & the Society Jazz Orchestra (1996)*.

## Bonus Materials:

- 4 complete poems performed by John Sinclair and Ed Moss

Artist	Sinclair, John
Title	20 To Life: Life And Times Of John Sinclair
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# TWENTY TO LIFE:

## *The Life & Times of John Sinclair*

### A Film by Steve Gebhardt

**John Sinclair** is a real American character. Poet, performing artist and bandleader, music journalist, radio broadcaster, record producer, educator and archivist, **Sinclair** first emerged out of his small-town Michigan background to forge a legendary course through the 1960s as a cultural activist, founder of the **Detroit Artists Workshop**, manager of the **MC5**, and Chairman of the **White Panther Party**.

An early victim of the War on Drugs who faced 20 years to life in prison for giving two joints to an undercover policewoman, **Sinclair** mounted an historic challenge to the constitutionality of Michigan's marijuana laws and served 29 months of a 9-1/2-to-10-year sentence before his legal victory on appeal changed the law for good.

The long campaign waged by **Sinclair** and his supporters in the courts, the legislature, the media and the streets culminated in a massive **John Sinclair Freedom Rally** headlined by **John Lennon & Yoko Ono**, **Stevie Wonder**, **Bob Seger**, **Phil Ochs**, **Allen Ginsberg** and **Bobby Seale** that resulted in Sinclair's release from prison on December 13, 1971—just three days after the event.

**20 TO LIFE** is the real-life story of this legendary poet-provocateur and American cultural warrior whose exploits have reverberated throughout the international underground for 40 years. The story is told by **Sinclair**, his family, friends and associates through the years and highlighted by a series of electrifying poetry performances by Sinclair's contemporary blues and jazz ensembles.

The disparate elements of Sinclair's unique story have been brilliantly assembled and painstakingly delineated by director **Steve Gebhardt** and editor **Tom Hayes** in this multi-layered 87-minute feature film from **Musicus Media**. The soundtrack was supervised by **Sinclair** himself.

## Sales Points:

- A true story about the persecution of one man from **Nixon's Enemy List**.
- Includes footage of the **MC5**, **John Lennon & Yoko Ono**, **Allen Ginsberg**, **Commander Cody & His Lost Planet Airmen** and more.
- Timely subject matter - comparable demographic to **The US vs John Lennon**.
- Won "**Best Documentary**" at the **2007 World Marijuana Film Festival** in Ibiza.

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