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Leonard Cohen's "Bird on a Wire" DVD



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The new DVD, "Bird on a Wire" is a digitally recreated version from a recently unearthed reel of the 1974 music documentary of the same name about the singer and songwriter Leonard Cohen (1). The new DVD version of this film is distributed by MVD Visual and follows Cohen and his band mates out on tour of Europe in 1972. At the time this tour was looking like the end for Cohen; he'd had enough of the travails of the music business and his 1972 tour looked to be the end of the road for this then popular and very influential folk singer. Though we now have the hindsight of the next 40 years as our guide, the blissful malcontent and disillusioned disbelief from the singer was palpable.



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There is much of the music from this tour in the film, which includes performances in European cities, behind-the-scenes situations backstage and on the tour bus, and there is some of Cohen's spoken poetry, but there's a

fairly well demarcated narrative here as well. Call it an early harbinger of reality television even; the way Cohen at once becomes conscious of this camera in his face while having a human moment is quite captivating. Leonard Cohen has a remarkably small catalog of what the critics would call mentionable work; most of it being recorded early on in his career. If Cohen's best work was his earliest then Bird on a Wire is a portrait of the consummate artist, frustrated though he may be, at his apex.

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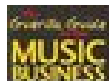
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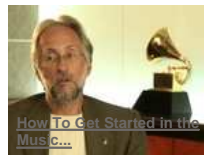
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