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## Leonard Cohen "Bird On A Wire" Comes To DVD On September 21

Tony Palmer's 1972 European Tour Film Finally Available To Consumers

**Tony Palmer** and **MVD Visual** are proud to announce the release of **Leonard Cohen "Bird On A Wire"** for North American distribution on September 21.

Originally made in 1972 and directed by celebrated British filmmaker **Tony Palmer**, "**Bird On A Wire**" follows **Cohen** on his 1972 European tour and contains 17 classic performances, 4 poems and tour footage. After massive re-editing, although not by Palmer, it was released in 1974, had a very limited run and then 'disappeared'. Like many films from the era it was thought that the original version had been lost, but in 2009, 294 rolls of film were discovered containing much of the original rushes and soundtrack of the 1972 film. **Palmer** was able to restore much of this footage and it is now available on DVD for the first time.

"When, in 2009, 294 cans of film were discovered in a warehouse in Hollywood, in rusted up cans that sometimes had to be hammered open, and these cans were shipped to me by, of all people, Frank Zappa's manager, I believed at first that nothing could be salvaged. The cans did not contain the negative (still lost); some of the prints were in black & white; and much of it had been cut to pieces and/or scratched beyond use. But when I finally opened one box and found most of the original sound dubbing tracks, I knew we had a hope of putting the jigsaw back together," said **Palmer**. "So now, taking full advantage of the latest digital technology, this is what we have done, piece by piece, slowly and painstakingly. It has taken months and months, and probably has cost more than the original filming, and although it's by no means perfect, it's very close now to the original."

**Tony Palmer's Complete Story:** [http://files.dvdnote.com/press/TPDVD166/tpdvd166\\_tony\\_palmer.pdf](http://files.dvdnote.com/press/TPDVD166/tpdvd166_tony_palmer.pdf)

The deluxe digipak DVD package also includes a limited edition reproduction of the iconic 1972 film poster as seen here: <http://tinyurl.com/2emgyxl>

"Now, looking back after 38 years, my admiration for Cohen as a poet, a singer and as a man, remains undiminished," said **Palmer**. "The original film was made with love, and I hope that quality once again shines through the restored film."

**Palmer** is one of the leading directors of music documentaries and historical drama films in the world. His vast filmography of over 100 films ranges from early works with the Beatles, Cream, Jimi Hendrix and Frank Zappa (200 Motels), to the famous portraits with and about Walton, Britten, Stravinsky, Maria Callas, John Osborne, Margot Fonteyn and Menuhin. He has collected over 40 international prizes for his work.

**Track Include:** *Avalanche, Suzanne, Tonight Will Be Fine, Passing Through, Sisters of Mercy, Who By Fire?, Story of Isaac, One Of Us Can't Be Wrong, The Partisan, Chelsea Hotel, Nancy, Famous Blue Raincoat, Bird On A Wire*, and more...

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