

THE LEONARD COHEN EVENT • KRAKOW 6-8 AUGUST 2010

*I did a tour of Poland before the Solidarity government was established.
I discovered that Poland was probably my largest audience in the world.
[...] although they really didn't think of me as Polish
[...] I grew up out of that world in some way.*
[Leonard Cohen]

For a few days of the summer of 2010 Kraków will become a meeting place for the most devoted Leonard Cohen fans from all over the world. People from different countries who share the same passion and the same taste for music and poetry this time will visit Poland to listen to Leonard Cohen's songs, sing and have fun together, as well as learn something about the city and its surroundings. The Leonard Cohen Event is a cyclical meeting which dates back to 2000. It takes place every two years – interchangeably in America and in Europe – each time gathering over a hundred, or several hundred fans. The exceptional atmosphere of the Event, the web portals leonardcohenfiles.com and leonardcohenforum.com. facilitate the communication between the fans and account for the fact that many of them, irrespective of the distance and all the differences, have been friends for years.

Since forever Kraków has been a city of poetry, bards, and a place which, already in the 80s, hosted a festival of Leonard Cohen's music. The city is also fascinating for tourists as well as those interested in culture, offering many attractions also to guests from abroad.

We are planning to organize the Event on Kraków's Kazimierz - the place important for the Jewish culture of Poland – and present Cohen as an artist rooted in this special culture. The hallmark of the Event will be a concert at the Tempel Synagogue.

The programme of the Event includes concerts, lectures and discussions, presentations of the fans' art inspired by Leonard Cohen. We would also like to take you for a tour around the city, and invite you to enjoy yourselves to the sounds of Leonard's music till the early hours of the morning. You will also have an opportunity to meet some of the Polish artists strongly influenced by our master's music – Maciej Zembaty, Mirosław Czyżykiewicz and Paweł Orkisz.

We are expecting to host around 300 Cohenites in Kraków next year. All of you are very welcome to prolong your stay here and enjoy the city and the country for a longer time.

You can register at: <http://registration.leonardcohen.art.pl>.

The number of places is limited.

Looking forward to seeing you in Kraków,
Your organizing committee.