



Rock and roll originator Leon Russell brings his seven piece band and musical history to The Yale on Tuesday, September 13 for one night only.

Born in Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1942, Russell began studying piano at the age of three and by the early age of 14 performed in nightclubs, which led to an opening gig for Jerry Lee Lewis. Upon relocating to Los Angeles; rock capital during the 1960s; he joined an elite group of studio musicians known as the Wrecking Crew that included icons such as Bob Dylan and Frank Sinatra.

Throughout his influential career, Russell has collaborated with numerous musicians with whom he has performed, produced and written some of rock and roll's most recognized recordings including Ike and Tina Turner's "River Deep, Mountain High," The Byrds' "Mr. Tambourine Man," Gary Lewis and the Playboys' "This Diamond Ring" and Herb Alpert's "A Taste of Honey." He has also written George Benson's cover of "This Masquerade," which won the 1976 Grammy Award for Record of the Year.

With an eclectic range of musical styles that encompass country, rock, blues and gospel, Russell has performed with George Harrison, The Rolling Stones, The Ventures, Bobby Darin, Wayne Newton, Sam Cooke and Johnny Mathis. Some of his most popular hits include "Superstar" with Delaney Bramlett, "A Song for You," "This Masquerade," "Blues Power" with Eric Clapton, "Dixie Lullaby" with Chris Stainton, "I Put a Spell on You," "Shoot Out on the Plantation," "Delta Lady," "Stranger in a Strange Land" with Don Preston, "Out in the Woods," "Lady Blue" and "Lost Inside of You" with Barbara Streisand for A Star is Born. In 2002 he released "Moonlight and Love Songs" under Leon Russell Records, which features renditions of vocal standards accompanied by the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

With two top-40 singles as a solo artist, four gold albums and multiple chart hits, Russell is undeniably pop's most anonymous star.

Tickets to see Leon Russell are \$33 in advance or \$35 on the night of the performance. Showtime begins at 8pm. For more information on this and other upcoming events at The Yale located at 1300 Granville Street, call 604-681-9253 or visit www.theyale.ca.

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