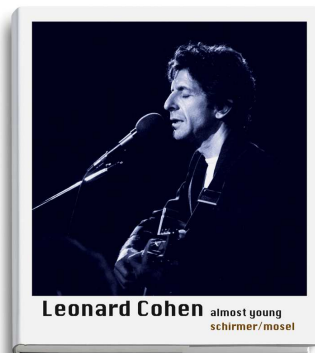


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Marking the 80th birthday of  
**LEONARD COHEN**  
*Almost Young – His Life in Pictures*

“Almost Young” – these words from his great song of farewell for all lovers “So long Marianne” make the title of the Leonard Cohen book we are publishing in anticipation of the artist’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 21.

Leonard Cohen, the Canadian writer with Jewish roots, poet, singer, and musician who musicks his own love lyrics has with his soft, introverted voice exuded infinite peace to create hypnotic love songs. He is as a writer and a performer in a league of his own, with audiences all over the world hanging on his every word and worshipping the ground beneath his feet.

Our illustrated book follows his career from his first steps as a young writer in Canada at the end of the 1950s and his sojourn on the Greek island of Hydra in the 1960s right up to the present day. Pictures by 43 photographers capture the numerous facets in the life of this singer-songwriter and poet, showing us a unique artist at work, both in highly productive introversion and as an impressive stage presence.

For our book poet and novelist Jens Sparschuh (who even back in the days of East Germany was a self-confessed Cohen fan as of 1968) has written a preface that is not only sensitive but also both respectful and humorous, taking the reader on a guided tour of the almost 80 years of Leonard Cohen’s long and wondrous life.

The book is a must for every Cohen fan as well as for those nostalgics amongst us who want to set off on a journey in search of their early musical enthusiasm and their initiation into the world of big emotions.

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