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Gordon Lightfoot announces concert at SMG-managed DeVos Performance Hall **Gordon Lightfoot In Concert: The Legend Lives On... comes to Grand Rapids September 18**

Grand Rapids—After 50 active years of hit song making and international album sales well into the multi-millions, it's safe to say that esteemed singer-songwriter and musician [Gordon Lightfoot](#) resides with some very exclusive company atop the list of all-time greats. His song catalog is incredibly vast and includes such immortals as "Early Morning Rain," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Carefree Highway," "Sundown," "(That's What You Get) For Lovin Me," "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald," "Cold On The Shoulder", "Canadian Railroad Trilogy," "Ribbon Of Darkness," "Beautiful," "Song For A Winter's Night", "Shadows", "Rainy Day People", "Did She Mention My Name" and "Summertime Dream to name just a few.

But 2017 is special for the legendary artist who continues his cross-country USA tour, which stops in Grand Rapids at [DeVos Performance Hall](#) on September 18, 2017 at 8:00 PM. The tour will feature his well known hits as well as some deep album cuts for the die-hard fans. All of which are woven together with some of Lightfoot's own behind-the-scenes stories and personal anecdotes about his historic 50-year musical career. The event is sure to be a great thrill for live audiences and anyone who enjoys hearing great music and seeing a living legend in person.

Tickets go on sale beginning Friday, July 14 at 10:00 AM. Ticket prices are \$35, \$55, \$65, and \$75 and will be available at the DeVos Place® and Van Andel Arena® box offices, online at Ticketmaster.com, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Prices are subject to change.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Gordon Lightfoot has recorded 20 albums and has five Grammy nominations. His songs have been aired regularly for 50 years, earning him Radio Singles Chart Positions in North America achieved by few others. Lightfoot's radio hits in the USA have earned **five #1s, five top 10s and thirteen top 40 hits**. In Canada he has earned Sixteen #1s, Eighteen Top 10s and Twenty One Top 40 hits.

Aside from his success in writing, singing and performing his own music, Lightfoot's songs have been recorded and performed by some of the greatest of all time including: Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Jr., Marty Robbins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Judy Collins, Eric Clapton, Johnny Mathis, Anne Murray, Olivia Newton-John, Sarah McLachlan, Barbra Streisand, Peter Paul & Mary, Harry Belafonte, Jane's Addiction, Richie Havens, Glen Campbell, Toby Keith, Alison Krauss and George Hamilton IV.

Lightfoot was recently inducted into the Songwriters Hall Of Fame which honored his role in defining the folk-pop sound of the 1960s and '70s. There are fewer than 400 inductees who make up the impressive roster enshrined in the Songwriters Hall of Fame including: Burt Bacharach, John Fogerty, Bob Dylan, Carole King, Paul Simon, Billy Joel, Elton John, Brian Wilson, James Taylor, James Brown, Bruce Springsteen, Jim Croce, Phil Collins, Loretta Lynn, Van Morrison, Kris Kristofferson, Dolly Parton, Diane Warren, Garth Brooks, and Leonard Cohen.

In his native Canada, Lightfoot has been decorated with the highest honors bestowed to a civilian including the Governor's General Award and the Companion to the Order of Canada honor of merit. He has also won 17 Juno Awards - Canada's equivalent to the Grammy Awards. Gordon is a member of Canada's Walk of Fame and The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame. In 2007, Canada Post honored him by issuing an official Gordon Lightfoot postage stamp. Lightfoot is also in the Canadian

Music Hall of Fame and the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame. Gordon Lightfoot is an indelible part of the Canadian national spirit and regarded as perhaps the most prolific and greatest Canadian singer-songwriter of all time.

"Lightfoot became a mentor for a long time. I think he probably still is to this day. I can't think of any Gordon Lightfoot song I don't like. Every time I hear a song of his, I wish it would last forever." - Bob Dylan

"Gordon Lightfoot has created some of the most beautiful and lasting music of our time. He is Bob Dylan's favorite singer/songwriter - high praise from the best of us, applauded by the rest of us." - Kris Kristofferson

"I've always been trying to write songs like Lightfoot. A song of mine like 'Come Monday' is a direct result of me trying to write a Gordon Lightfoot song." - Jimmy Buffett

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