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## **LEGENDARY SINGER/SONGWRITER LEON RUSSELL PLAYS ONE NIGHT AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET**

Reno/Sparks, NEV - Leon Russell is one the most accomplished and versatile musicians in the history of rock 'n roll. In his distinguished and unique 50 year career, he has played on, arranged, written and/or produced some of the best records in popular music. This musical legend plays at John Ascuaga's Nugget Saturday, October 1.

Russell has played on pop, rock, blues, country, bluegrass, standards, gospel, and surf records. He has collaborated with hundreds of artists, including Glen Campbell, Joe Cocker, Willie Nelson, George Harrison, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, John Lennon, B.B. King, Barbra Streisand, Ike & Tina Turner, Ricky Nelson, Herb Alpert, Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, Ann-Margret, Dean Martin, Marvin Gaye, Steve Winwood, and groups such as The Monkees, The Ventures, The Beach Boys, The Byrds, Jan & Dean, Paul Revere & The Raiders, The Rolling Stones, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, The Everly Brothers and The Righteous Brothers, the list goes on and on and on...

If the name Leon Russell isn't familiar to you, perhaps some of his songs are. Joe Cocker's "Delta Lady", The Carpenters' "Superstar", and The Rolling Stones' "Jumpin' Jack Flash" are just a few of the hits that Russell has touched.

His 1970 solo album Leon Russell included the first recording of "A Song for You". This has become one of his best-known songs, with cover versions released by more than 40 different artists including Ray Charles, Peggy Lee, Helen Reddy, Whitney Houston, Donny Hathaway, and Christina Aguilera.

In 1979, Russell's "Heartbreak Hotel" duet with Willie Nelson became a number-one hit on the Billboard country music chart.

Leon's current band line-up includes long time bass player Jackie Wessell, Brandon Holder on drums, Chris Simmons on guitar, and multi-instrumentalist Beau Charron.

Leon Russell performs Saturday, October 1 at 9 p.m. in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget. Tickets \$35 and are available by calling (800) 648-1177 or (775) 356-3300 or by visiting [janugget.com](http://janugget.com).

John Ascuaga's Nugget is one of the few family-owned casino resorts left in the country. Founded as a coffee shop with a few slot machines on March 17, 1955, John Ascuaga has built the Nugget into a world-class, full-service gaming resort destination.