

# LEON RUSSELL



Leon Russell was an American musician and songwriter who was involved with numerous bestselling pop music records during his 60-year career. His genres included pop, country, rock, folk, gospel, bluegrass, rhythm and blues, folk rock, blues rock, surf, standards, and Tulsa Sound. His collaborations rank as some of the most successful in music history, and as a touring musician he performed with hundreds of notable artists. He recorded 33 albums and at least 430 songs. He wrote "Delta Lady", recorded by Joe Cocker, and organized and performed with Cocker's Mad Dogs and Englishmen tour in 1970. His "A Song for You", added to the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2018, has been recorded by more than 200 artists, and his "This Masquerade" by more than 75.

As a pianist, he played in his early years on albums by The Beach Boys, Dick Dale and Jan and Dean. On his first album, Leon Russell, in 1970, the musicians included Eric Clapton, Ringo Starr, and George Harrison. One of his biggest early fans, Elton John, said Russell was a "mentor" and an "inspiration". They recorded their album The Union in 2010, which earned them a Grammy nomination. His recordings earned six gold records. He received two Grammy awards from seven nominations. In 2011, he was inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

ARTIST:	TITLE:	ALBUM:	LABEL:	CREDIT:	YEAR:
Gary Lewis & The Playboys	Everybody Loves a Clown	Everybody Loves a Clown	Capitol	W	1965
Gary Lewis & The Playboys	She's Just My Style	She's Just My Style	Capitol	W	1966
Joe Cocker	Delta Lady	Joe Cocker!	A&M	W,P	1969
Leon Russell	A Song for You	Leon Russell	The Right Stuff	W,P	1970
Leon Russell	Hummingbird	Leon Russell	The Right Stuff	W,P	1970
Leon Russell	Roll Away the Stone	Leon Russell	The Right Stuff	W,P	1970
Leon Russell	Dixie Lullaby	Leon Russell	The Right Stuff	W,P	1970
Donny Hathaway	A Song For You	Donny Hathaway	Rhino Atlantic	W	1971
Leon Russell	Home Sweet Oklahoma	Leon Russell and the Shelter People	The Right Stuff	W,P	1971
Leon Russell	Stranger in a Strange Land	Leon Russell and the Shelter People	The Right Stuff	W,P	1971
Leon Russell	Alcatraz	Leon Russell and the Shelter People	The Right Stuff	W,P	1971
Carpenters	Superstars	Carpenters	A&M	W	1971
Leon Russell	This Masquerade	Carney	The Right Stuff	W,P	1972
Leon Russell	Tight Rope	Carney	The Right Stuff	W,P	1972
Leon Russell	Out In The Woods	Carney	The Right Stuff	W,P	1972
Carpenters	A Song for You	A Song for You	A&M	W	1972
Carpenters	This Masquerade	Now & Then	A&M	W	1973
Leon Russell	If I Were a Carpenter	Stop All That Jazz	The Right Stuff	P	1974
Leon Russell	Lady Blue	Will O' The Wisp	The Right Stuff	W,P	1975