

Neil Sedaka turns 70



■ **1939:** Born March 13, in Brooklyn, New York

■ **1947:** Wins piano scholarship at age eight to **Juilliard School of Music**

■ **1952:** Aged 13, begins writing music with 16-year-old neighbour, **Howard Greenfield**

■ **1958:** Catapulted to stardom after **Connie Francis** records his song, **Stupid Cupid**

■ **1959-62:** Top 40 hits include **Oh! Carol**, **Calendar Girl**, **Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen** and **Breaking Up Is Hard to Do**

■ **1975:** **Love Will Keep Us Together** is No. 1 hit for **Captain & Tennille**, and earns Grammy for Record of the Year

■ **2007:** Concert at Lincoln Center in New York City honours Sedaka's 50-year career

■ **2009:** Releases **Waking Up is Hard to Do**, collection of Sedaka hits reinvented as children's songs, and undertakes extensive tour of U.S., Canada and UK