

## 25th Anniversary of "*So Long, Marianne*"

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25 years ago, on February 18th 1984, the single "*So Long, Marianne*" released by **CNR** and performed by **José Hoebee** and **Ron Brandsteder** entered the Dutch charts. It later peaked at **#11** on the **Top 40** and **#6** on the **Nationale Hitparade** (currently **Singles Top 100**). It also reached the **20th** position on the **Flemish BRT Top 30**.

**José** had previously two big solo hit singles in Holland and Belgium (the #1 song "*I Will Follow Him*" and "*Secret Love*") as well as a couple of moderate chart entries ("*The Good Times*" and "*I Can Hear Music*").

**Ron Brandsteder** (who had shortly been **Patty Brard**'s first husband in 1979/1980) was a popular TV host. The combination of his Baritone voice and **José**'s mezzo-soprano singing delighted the public.

"*So Long, Marianne*" was originally composed and performed by the great Canadian Folk Maestro "**Leonard Cohen**" in 1966. **Will Hoebee** (**José**'s hubby), then a highly demanded record producer, supervised the recording of this duet.

**José** experienced a new phase of her career with the success of "*So Long, Marianne*". After her solo hits, she scored chart toppers in duet (especially with **Bonnie St. Claire**).

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