

## ENCORE



PHOTOGRAPHER NORMAN SEEFF WAS STRUCK by the bucolic setting for this 1978 session with Johnny Cash, featured recently on the late singer's "lost" album, *Out Among the Stars*. "My team, including a film crew, drove to the impressive Cash estate outside Nashville, which had a sizable lake adjoining the house," Seeff recalls. The Cash family greeted Seeff warmly, hanging out in the kitchen before the session began at the lakeshore. "He brought his guitar along," says Seeff. "I was hoping he would perform as part of the shoot. I got some deeply personal images that were so pensive, even though he was surrounded by a rather large crew." The session continued nearby at a lush field. "There I am standing in this classic Nashville environment," says Seeff, "and Johnny is singing to me with his eyes closed." There was an almost spiritual component to Cash's demeanor. "He had a majesty in his presence without being overt about it," Seeff recalls. "There was something so authentic about him."

