

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Bed-in for Peace

Powerful images from the archives of photographer GERRY DEITER on assignment for *Life* magazine

"You're all geniuses, and you're all beautiful. You don't need anyone to tell you who you are. You are what you are. Get out there and get peace, think peace, and live peace and breathe peace, and you'll get it as soon as you like."

—John Lennon



Old School Square to Host Special Exhibition Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Bed-in for Peace and John Lennon's 69th Birthday

October 5 - 11, 2009

Old School Square Cultural Arts Center

Vintage Gymnasium Building (corner of NE 1st St. and NE 1st Ave.)

John and Yoko hung out in their pajamas for eight days during their 1969 "bed-in" in suite 1742 of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal Canada. Reclining on their hotel bed, the famous Beatle and his new wife read Lao Tzu, snuggled and recorded the anthem "Give Peace a Chance."

But mostly they talked about peace and lorded over the chaos in a room crammed tight with star-struck kids, reporters, disc jockeys, Hare Krishnas, Timothy Leary, Tommy Smothers, Dick Gregory, Al Capp, Murray the K and others. They used their bed as a way to put themselves and their message in the center of a searing spotlight, demonstrating through their vulnerability and openness their unrelenting support for their beliefs. No celebrity couple had ever used their bed as a place of protest, nor had anyone before been so available in person and by telephone to the world.

"We're going to sell peace the way other people sell soap," Lennon said to Gerry Deiter, a young, accomplished photographer on assignment for *Life* magazine. Deiter was our eyes in that hotel room, the only photographer there for the entire eight days of the bed-in. He was determined to capture the essence of the scene—in particular the love between the newlyweds in many intimate moments. As a photojournalist, Deiter's documentary-style photographs illustrate John and Yoko's commitment to each other and their desire to break down barriers between power, celebrity, status and convention in a sincere desire to end war and violence in the world.

See historic photographs, bed-in interviews, music, vintage guitars identical to those used by Lennon throughout his career, Beatles memorabilia, Give Art a Chance (student art exhibit), whimsical illustrations and exciting special events including the best birthday bash in south Florida.

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SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Suggested admission:

\$2 donation (unless otherwise noted) to benefit Old School Square's Cornell Museum Exhibit & Arts Education Fund

For updated event details visit

www.oldschool.org
or call (561) 243-7922

Monday, Oct. 5

7 - 10 pm Exhibit Open
7 - 8 pm Author Book Signing
7 - 8:30 pm Peace Light
Live Music - School of Rock

Tuesday, Oct. 6

12 - 9 pm Exhibit Open

Wednesday, Oct. 7

12 - 9 pm Exhibit Open
2 - 4 pm Author Book Signing
6 - 7:30 pm Curator's Happy Hour at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar hosted by Square One
8 pm Film Screening—Give Peace a Song at the Crest Theatre* (\$5)

Thursday, Oct. 8

12 - 9 pm Exhibit Open
1 - 2 pm Author Book Signing
6:30 - 7 pm Curator's Gallery Walk
7 - 8 pm Author Book Signing
8 pm Film Screening—Give Peace a Song at the Crest Theatre* (\$5)

Friday, Oct. 9

12 - 5 pm & 7 - 10 pm Exhibit Open

7 - 10 PM

"The Big Lennon Birthday Bash"

Celebrate John Lennon's 69th Birthday—Live Band "910", Cash Bar, Curator's Gallery Walk, Author Book Signing (\$5)

Saturday, Oct. 10

12 - 10 pm Exhibit Open
1 - 1:30 pm Curator's Gallery Walk
1:30 - 3 pm Author Book Signing

7 - 10 pm

"Peace 'n Love Night"

Live Band "910", Cash Bar (\$5)
8 - 8:30 pm Author Book Signing

Sunday, Oct. 11

12 - 6 pm Exhibit Open
12:30 - 1:30 pm Curator's Gallery Walk
1:30 - 2:30 pm Author Book Signing
3 pm Double Feature at the Crest Theatre—Hard Days Night & Let It Be* (\$5)
Live Music - School of Rock

* Film titles subject to change.
\$5 suggested donation