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THE MUSEUM AT BETHEL WOODS PRESENTS SPECIAL EXHIBIT TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO'S BED-IN FOR PEACE

"Give Peace a Chance" Exhibit Will Feature Never-Before-Seen Bed-in Photographs

May 14, 2009, BETHEL, N.Y. – This June, The Museum at Bethel Woods will serve as the premier United States venue for **"Give Peace A Chance: John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Bed-In For Peace."** This special exhibit will feature unique photographs – many never seen before -- by photojournalist Gerry Deiter and observations from Lennon and Ono's 1969 famous bed-in for peace. The exhibit will be on display at The Museum from June 12 through September 7, 2009.

"Give Peace A Chance: John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Bed-In For Peace" commemorates the 40th anniversary of the famous couple's poignant call for world peace. Through stories and unique photographs, "Give Peace A Chance" offers visitors a seat on the edge of John and Yoko's bed at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel in 1969. The second of the newlyweds' famous bed-ins, the event brought international press and a steady stream of celebrities to their hotel room to witness and participate in a protest for peace. From their bed, on June 1, 1969, they recorded "Give Peace A Chance," a song that still resonates today.

Photojournalist Gerry Deiter became the eyes and ears in that hotel room. He was *the only* journalist to document the entire eight days and was determined to capture the essence and meaning of the event.

Situated at the site of the historic Woodstock festival in Bethel, N.Y., The Museum at Bethel Woods explores the unique experience of the 1969 festival, its significance as a culminating event of a transformational decade, and the ongoing legacy of the 1960s and Woodstock. The new exhibit is one of several exhibits and events devoted to celebrating the 40th anniversary of Woodstock.

The exhibit will feature more than 30 large-format framed photographs by Gerry Deiter, 15 text panels, and additional installations. The exhibit also engages visitors by asking them to participate and record their own thoughts about world peace and love. Public programming throughout the exhibit's run will further engage visitors in the exhibit's message of peace, love, and optimism.

A limited number of special edition lithographs will be available for purchase in The Museum Shop and on line at www.ShopBethelWoods.com.

Admission to this exhibition will be included in regular museum admission.

More information on the exhibit, The Museum, and the 40th anniversary of Woodstock can be found at www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Museum Hours of Operation:

Ticket Prices: Adults-\$13; Seniors 65 and up-\$11; Youth (ages 8-11)-\$9; Child (ages 3-7)-\$4; Children 2 and under – free admission with an adult.

2009 Spring Hours

Thursday, March 19 thru Friday May 22, 2009
Open Thursday - Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00pm

2009 Summer Hours

Saturday, May 23 thru Monday, September 7, 2009
Open seven days a week, 10:00am to 7:00pm

2009 Fall Hours

Thursday, September 10 thru Sunday, January 3, 2010
Open Thursday - Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Special holiday open hours Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2009, 10:00am - 5:00pm and Monday, December 28 thru Wednesday, December 30, 2009, 10:00am - 5:00pm.

Open year-round with advanced reservations for school groups, group tours, and special private events.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
Special holiday open hours

Museums tickets will be sold each day until one and one-half hours before closing time on regular open days and until one hour before concert start time on typical concert days at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts performing arts pavilion. Please call ahead to verify museum hours on concert days.

About The Museum at Bethel Woods and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts:

The Museum is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational corporation, which is dedicated to the study and exhibition of the social, political and cultural events of the 1960s, including the Woodstock Festival, and the legacies of those times. The Museum is located on lands owned by the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Sullivan County and the surrounding region by promoting economic development and interest in the region through arts, education and culture. For more information on The Museum at Bethel Woods, or Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org. Follow The Museum at Bethel Woods on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The Museum at Bethel Woods is an integral part of the larger Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, a \$100 million outdoor performing arts center and complex. Set within 2,000 bucolic acres in Sullivan County, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is a world-class cultural destination, dedicated to bringing diverse, high quality performing arts and educational programs to the region. It features a Pavilion Stage with 4,500 seats under cover and another 10,500 on a natural sloping lawn; the Terrace Stage, a 1,000 seat Roman-style amphitheater; and within The Museum building, a 300-seat Events Gallery, all of which present a diverse selection of popular artists, orchestral performances, community events, music, and arts education opportunities. The Museum Shop features a great selection of Sixties and Woodstock-inspired gift items; The Shop is open during museum hours, and online shopping is available all year at ShopBethelWoods.com.

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