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### 'Imagine Peace' opens at gallery

Exhibition includes Yoko Ono billboard

LEWISBURG— The Samek Art Gallery will mark the 25th anniversary of Bucknell University having an art gallery with the yearlong series, "Peace & Resistance." The series comprises three major international exhibitions that focus on the work of Yoko Ono, Soviet-era Nonconformist art, and Oswaldo Guayasamin. Lectures, films and other programming will accompany the exhibitions.

The exhibition, "Yoko Ono Imagine Peace Featuring John and Yoko's Year of Peace," will open the Samek Art Gallery exhibition season Aug. 25 through Oct. 8.

Exhibition curator Kevin Concannon, associate professor at the University of Akron's Myers School of Art, will give the lecture, "Yoko Ono: Imagining Peace 1966-2008" on Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. in Gallery Theatre of the Elaine Langone Center, followed by the reception in the gallery.



#### Ideals of peace and love

"The exhibition focuses on the thematic ideals of peace and love," said Dan Mills, curator of the Samek Art Gallery. "It follows the work of Yoko Ono and John Lennon chronologically as solo artists, as a couple in the 1960s, and also Ono's recent interactive solo works."

According to Mills, the exhibition showcases interactive works by Ono that demonstrate her long-standing ambition to involve individuals in the process of achieving peace through the power of imagination.

It includes installations designed to help visitors spread the message of love and peace worldwide through the use of stamps, postcards, flashlights and buttons; documentation of the Imagine Peace Tower in Iceland, which was dedicated on Lennon's birthday last year; the international advertising campaign War is Over!; and video and audio clips from 1969-71 including "Bed-In."

#### Yoko Ono billboard

"We have commissioned Ono to create a billboard, which will be visible southbound on Route 15 just north of Route 80, from Sept. 10 to Oct. 9," said Mills. "We also are organizing two evenings of film screenings, including 'The U.S. vs. John Lennon' on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., and a Yoko Ono film on Sept. 23, both at 7 p.m. in the Gallery Theatre."

Running concurrently Aug. 25–Oct. 8 with the Ono exhibition is "Noriko Yamamoto The Peace Paintings," located in the Project Room. Yamamoto has merged Abstract Expressionism with calligraphy to form her own color-saturated and gestural painting style since the 1950s. For this series, ongoing since 2003, Yamamoto introduces two new elements — white over painting and the occasional reproduction of the word Peace. The exhibition is curated by Mills and organized by the Samek Art Gallery.

Established in 1983 as the Center Gallery, the university art gallery was known as the Bucknell Art Gallery from 1999-2001, and named the Samek

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The Samek Art Gallery is located on the third floor of the Elaine Langone Center. Admission is free. Gallery hours are weekdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; weekends 1 to 5 p.m., and by appointment. The Gallery is accessible by elevator. For more information about the gallery, call 577-3792 or visit [www.bucknell.edu/SamekArtGallery](http://www.bucknell.edu/SamekArtGallery).

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