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Yoko Ono's temporary exhibition at Hungarian National Museum

Titled "War is Over! If you want it!", is a must-see for anyone looking to engage with though-provoking contemporary art.

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The exhibition started on November 27, 2022, and will only run until February 18, 2023, so visitors have a limited time to experience this unique cultural event.

Inspired by the current state of the world, the exhibition pays tribute to the famous Japanese artist and peace activist Yoko Ono, who worked on some of the pieces back in 1960s with her husband, the legendary musician John Lennon. Through a range of multimedia works, including photography, video, and sound installations, visitors are invited to explore Ono and Lennon's ideas and philosophies and relate them to current political, cultural, and ecological circumstances.

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Although the exhibition contains more than 30 pieces, it may appear small in comparison to the overall museum space. However, the focus is on the message rather than the art, so visitors of all ages can expect to be engaged, challenged and inspired by this remarkable exhibition. Children are welcome, as they can learn from a young age how important world peace is and how art can be both fun and intellectual. "My Mommy Is Beautiful" and "Add Color (The Refugee Ship)" are particularly inspiring for kids and adults from all cultures,



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The short film “War is Over - If you want it” serves as a reminder of the ugliness and horrors of war, as well as the necessity to be proactive and work for peace in the world. The animated music video on the TV screen plays the video “WHY,” which adds to the immersive experience of the exhibition.

In summary, the Yoko Ono exhibition at the Hungarian National Museum is a unique opportunity to experience contemporary art that offers visitors a doorway into Ono and Lennon’s perspectives on the world. Don’t miss the chance to engage with this remarkable exhibition, which will leave you challenged, inspired, and deeply moved.

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