

# Wish Tree Art Collaboration



*Yoko Ono's interactive artwork called **Wish Tree** was launched in 1996 and has become integral to many exhibitions around the world, both in museums and cultural centers. The art project is also open to educational institutions such as schools. It is an International Peace Project.*

*During public events people are being invited to write their personal wishes for peace on a piece of paper and then tie them to a branch of a tree.*

*We would like to invite you to participate in this art installation by writing a wish for peace on a paper label and tying it to the **Wish Tree** installed in the main lobby of the new J.L. Ilsley High School.*

*The gnarly pine tree was collected from the MacIntosh Valley and is a remnant of the Spryfield fire of 2009.*



*During the great heat of the fire the pine trees in the valley opened their pine cones and released their seeds to give life to a new generation of pine trees. The small tree beside the old tree is one of their offspring and symbolizes resilience, regrowth and our hopes for a new generation of young people to carry on through their adolescence and adult life in a peaceful way.*

*We will be shipping the wishes written by our participants and guests to Iceland, where they will be installed in the vault of the **Imagine Peace Tower**.*

*Yoko Ono has been collecting all these peace wishes, which are currently totaling over 1 million. They are preserved and stored in the **Wishing Well** of the **Imagine Peace Tower**, which is located on a rocky peninsula off Reykjavik in Iceland. A powerful light beam sends the peace wishes into the galaxy. The light was turned off during the pandemic but is once again lit and in operation since October 2021....*



*Yoko Ono reading some of the peace messages during a public event.*

### **WISH TREE by Yoko Ono**

Make a wish.  
Write it down on a piece of paper.  
Fold it and tie it around a branch of a wish tree.  
Ask your friend to do the same.  
Keep wishing.  
Until the branches are covered with wishes.

Yoko Ono  
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The **Imagine Peace Tower** light art installation in Iceland while the night sky was illuminated with Northern Lights....



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