



Give Peace a Chance

Yoko Ono honored at the Art Production Fund's annual gala

By Todd Plummer

The Art Production Fund's Yvonne Force Villareal and Doreen Remen hosted their fourth annual spring benefit gala at ABC Carpet & Home last night, and the unusual setting charmed one and all. "The only problem with a magic carpet ride," Sir Salman Rushdie explained to Style.com, "is that I never know what to wear—it gets pretty cold up there." The dress code was "dreamy," and Remen's Alon Livne dress more than qualified. "We work with artists who are changing the world with their authentic voice," she said, "and people want to support that."

Support it they did. Cindy Sherman, Jeff Koons, and Kiki Smith came out to toast the evening's honorees, Richard Pandiscio and Yoko Ono, the latter of whom took the stage and assured them all that her art opus isn't coming to a close anytime soon. Ono has collaborated with the APF for years on "Imagine Peace" installations in Las Vegas, on the tops of New York City cabs, and at the Summer Olympics in London. "People think that when you get older, you get smaller and smaller," she said. "But my life is getting more and more exciting."



(Left to Right) Kiki Smith, Yoko Ono and Cindy Sherman; Yvonne Force Villareal, Richard Pandiscio, Doreen Remen and Casey Fremont Crowe; Steven Klein; Thorsten Schröder and Ryan McGinley; Cynthia Rowley; Aaron Young and Sarah Hoover



(Left to Right) Tobias Meyer, Mark Fletcher, and Klaus Biesenbach; Anne Pasternak and Rachel Feinstein; Lauren Santo Domingo and Laure Heriard Dubreuil; Zani Gugelmann; Diana Widmaier Picasso