

Yoko Ono

A Peace Obelisk in Reykjavík, Iceland

Yoko Ono has proposed that a Peace Obelisk be erected in Reykjavík, Iceland.

The obelisk will be a tower of light emanating the message of peace to all nations of the world. The obelisk will be filled with all the wishes that people have written down and tied to the "Wish Tree", an artwork that the artist has exhibited in many countries over the past decade. She has saved these messages in order to make them a part of the call for peace, which the Peace Obelisk will convey. Yoko will also be asking people to send their messages to be added to the obelisk.

To emphasize this message, the words "Imagine all the people living life in peace" (John Lennon) and "A Dream you Dream Together is Reality" (Yoko Ono) will be carved on the outside of the obelisk in many languages. Traditionally an obelisk was erected to honour the dead, but the Peace Obelisk will be raised to honour life, and to embrace the joy of life. This is one reason why Yoko has proposed that the Peace Obelisk be erected in Iceland, because of the country's location at the northern top of the planet, between the continents of Europe and America. The vibration of the wishes of PEACE can then emanate from the capital, Reykjavík, to the whole world.

The authorities in Reykjavík have received this proposal favorably. Under the auspices of the Reykjavík Art Museum and in consultation with Yoko, the work is now underway for the design of the Peace Obelisk and the selection of a site for the work within the city. We are aiming to complete the building of the obelisk in year 2005.

Yoko states, "This is the time there is a race between the people of the world: the ones who yearn for Peace and the ones who believe in destruction. It is a time when we must ask all our politicians to rethink their strategies, and use the power of negotiation rather than the power of destruction to solve matters concerning the future of humanity and our planet. This is the time, we can still make our choice to heal our planet and, together, enjoy its health and beauty for many centuries to come.

Send your prayers and your vote for life, to the Peace Obelisk, c/o Reykjavík Art Museum, P.O. Box 110, IS-121 Reykjavík, Iceland.