

WIDE RAINBOW LESSONS: Artist Yoko Ono

ARTIST INTRO:

Yoko Ono Lennon (b. 1933) 小野 洋子 is a Japanese multimedia artist, singer, songwriter and peace activist. Born in Tokyo, she moved with her family to New York in the mid-1950s and attended Sarah Lawrence College. She emerged onto the international art scene in the early 1960s living in New York, Tokyo and London, greatly influencing the international development of Fluxus and Conceptual art. Yoko Ono has made profound contributions to visual art, performance, filmmaking and experimental music.

ARTWORK:



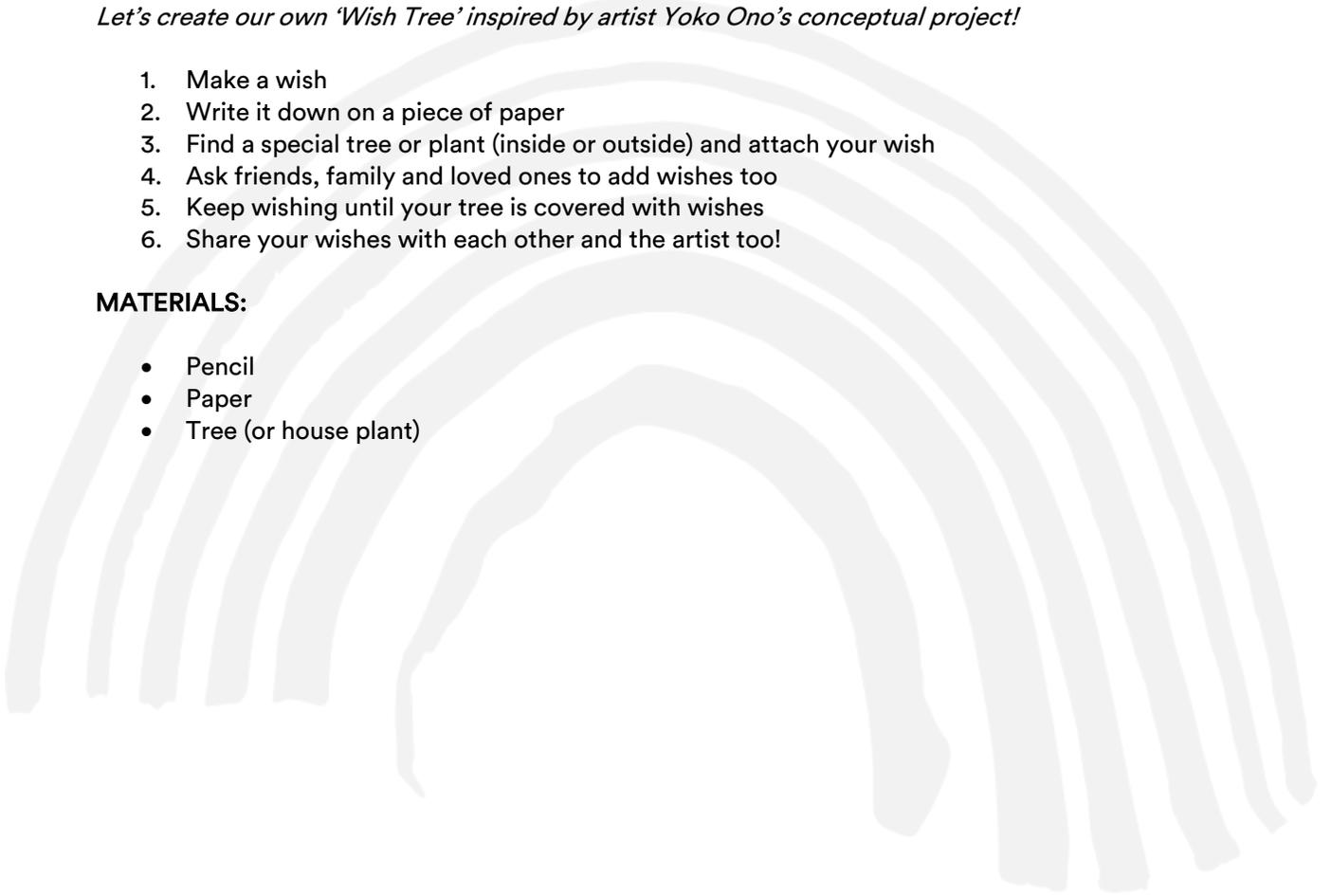
WORKSHOP:

Let's create our own 'Wish Tree' inspired by artist Yoko Ono's conceptual project!

1. Make a wish
2. Write it down on a piece of paper
3. Find a special tree or plant (inside or outside) and attach your wish
4. Ask friends, family and loved ones to add wishes too
5. Keep wishing until your tree is covered with wishes
6. Share your wishes with each other and the artist too!

MATERIALS:

- Pencil
- Paper
- Tree (or house plant)





Yoko Ono's artwork 'Wish Tree' (1993 – ongoing) has been installed in several cities around the world and lives online. Yoko has collected all the wishes –over a million and invites us all to write personal wishes for peace and tie them to a tree branch. They are preserved and stored in the Wishing Well of the IMAGINE PEACE TOWER.

Learn more about this ongoing project: imaginepeacetower.com/yoko-onos-wish-trees/
Share your wishes with the artist via email: wish@imaginepeacetower.com

“As a child in Japan, I used to go to a temple and write out a wish on a piece of thin paper and tie it around the branch of a tree. Trees in temple courtyards were always filled with people’s wish knots, which looked like white flowers blossoming from afar.”

- Yoko Ono

FOLLOW UP:

What tree or plant did you choose? Why?

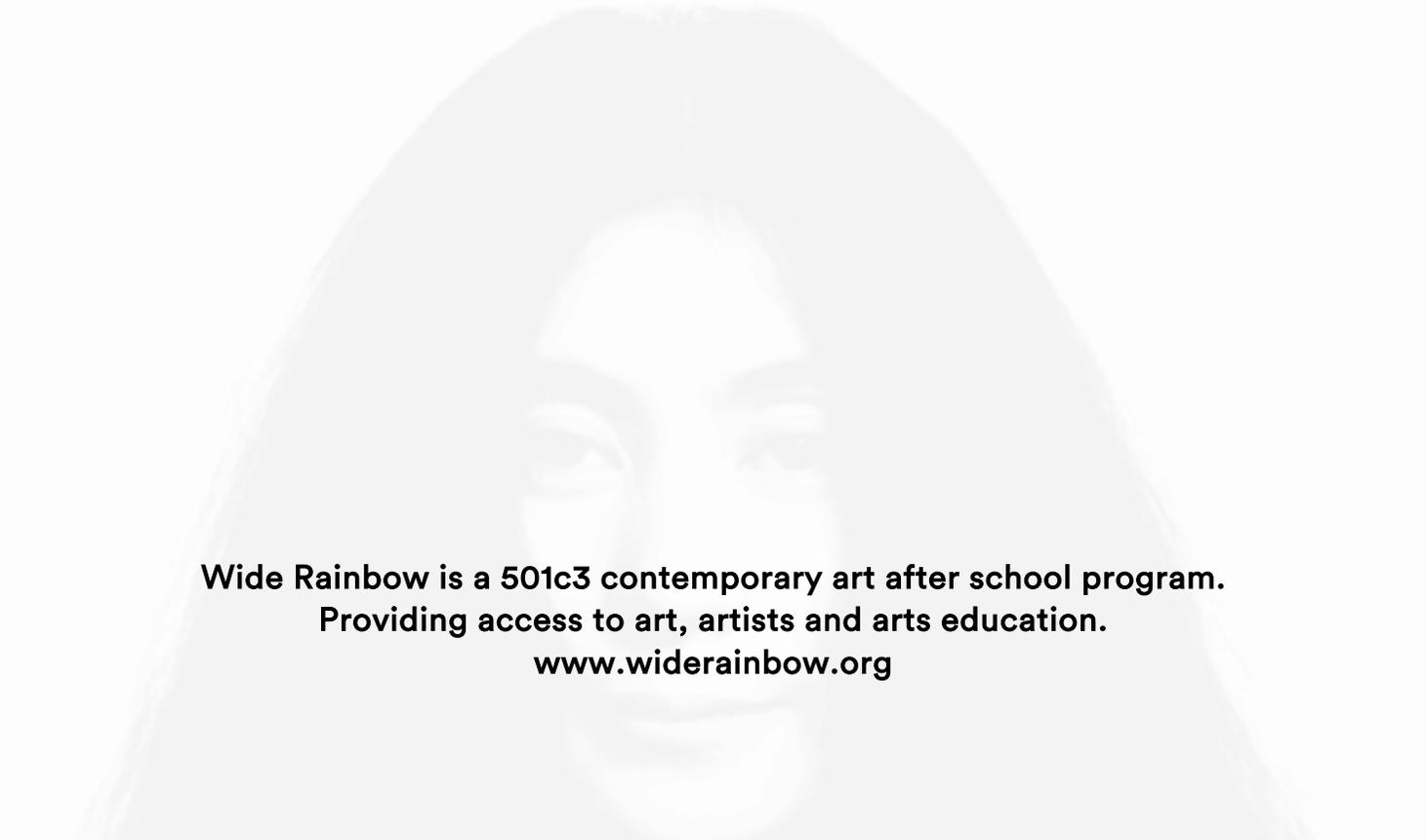
What is a wish?

What does a wish mean to you?

Did you invite friends and family to participate?

How did you share your wishes?

How can you make your wish or wishes come true?



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