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Yoko Ono, Other Arty A-Listers Partied at Groovy Art Production Fund Gala

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NEW YORK — An air of bohemian exotica pervaded the Art Production Fund’s “I Dream Of...” gala honoring artist Yoko Ono and real estate developer and philanthropist Richard Pandiscio. Artists including Kiki Smith, Cindy Sherman, Josephine Meckseper, Richard Phillips, Cecily Brown, Ryan McGinley, Aaron Young, and Jeff Koons mingled with socialites and fashion jetsetters amongst the kilims, Persian rugs, poufs, and pillows on the 6th floor of the swanky housewares emporium ABC Carpet and Home (for the uninitiated, think of it as “Pier 1%”).

Partygoers of all stripes — among them Booker Prize winner Salman Rushdie, MoMA PS1 director Klaus Biesenbach, and Estee Lauder executive John Demsey — were treated to surrealistic temporary tattoos by Shazia Sikander, ramps and goat cheese crostini, and generous libations of vintage Dom Perignon. Guests became participants in Ono’s interactive “Wish Trees” project, committing their dreams to paper and hanging them on tree branches. Meanwhile, more adventurous types indulged in MRI scans of their favorite body parts.

Cocktails were followed with a dinner overseen by Jean-Georges Vongerichten and a live auction of artwork donated by McGinley, Terence Koh, and Rudolf Stingel. Afterwards, guests kicked off their shoes and cut a rug to a live set by MC Yogi and DJ Drez.



Cynthia Rowley



Rachel Lee Smith, Stefania Bortolami, and Andrea Rosen



Ryan McGinley and Thorsten Schroeder



Lucy Chadwick



Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn and Ann Tenenbaum



Olympia Scarry and Neville Wakefield



Klaus Biesenbach, Jennifer McSweeney, Mark Fletcher, and Tobias Meyer