
John Lennon biopic: Yoko Ono confirms film on couple's romance - who'll play Beatles icon?

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JOHN LENNON will be the subject of a new biopic helmed by Yoko Ono, it has been announced.

The iconic Beatles star will have his relationship with Ono documented in the as-yet-untitled movie, which will also focus on their anti-war causes.

Anthony McCarten, who penned *Theory of Everything*, is set to write the script; whilst Michael De Luca and Immersive Pictures' Josh Bratman will produce with Ono.

There's currently no word on casting, but expect speculation on who'll play Lennon to be at fever pitch as development continues.

"The story will focus on ripe and relevant themes of love, courage and activism in the U.S. — with the intention of inspiring today's youth to stand up for and have a clear vision for the world they want," De Luca said, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

"I am also honoured and privileged to be working with Yoko Ono, Anthony McCarten and Josh Bratman to tell the story of two amazing global icons."

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De Luca certainly knows his way around a blockbuster, having masterminded the likes of Moneyball, The Social Network and Captain Phillips.

Lennon and Ono first met in 1966, two years before he and first wife Cynthia filed for divorce.

During their 11-year marriage, they were heavily focussed on activism and their efforts to promote world peace.

The Beatles, of course, are perhaps the most iconic British band of all time, and have sold more singles in this country than any other act.



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According to the RIAA, they're also the best-selling act in the US - having sold 178 million certified units. Their songs are [currently at the centre of an ongoing legal battle](#).

Lennon died in December 1980 at the age of 40, after being shot in the back outside his apartment in New York.

His killer, Mark David Chapman, was denied parole for the ninth time in 2016.

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