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CELEBRATE THE SUMMER OF LOVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH PETER MAX IN STONE HARBOR, NJ

Ocean Galleries hosts Peter Max for a "Cosmic" Fourth of July Celebration

STONE HARBOR, NJ – June 5, 2017 – [Ocean Galleries](http://OceanGalleries.com) is honored to host Peter Max in Stone Harbor, NJ over Fourth of July weekend for a cosmic fiftieth anniversary celebration of the "Summer of Love". Meet Peter Max 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2, 2017 when he returns to the Jersey Shore with his newest collection of paintings and most-revered imagery spanning five decades.

"Peter Max – Summer of Love 50th Anniversary" opens at Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor/609.368.7777) on Friday, June 30 and is on display through Wednesday, July 5 with all artwork available for acquisition. Exhibit hours are 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.



Cosmic Series – Angel, Copyright Peter Max 2017

For many years, the iconic [Peter Max](http://PeterMax.com), "America's Painter Laureate," has returned to his beloved Stone Harbor, NJ over the Fourth of July holiday, always with new artwork painted specifically for the patriotic summer showing at the New Jersey Shore. This year's exhibition marks the 50th Anniversary of the "Summer of Love" and will include many of Max's vibrant, cosmic images that captured the spirit of the '60s youth movement and were cited by art critics as "the visual counterpart to the music of the Beatles."

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Cosmic Series – New York Skyline, Copyright Peter Max 2017

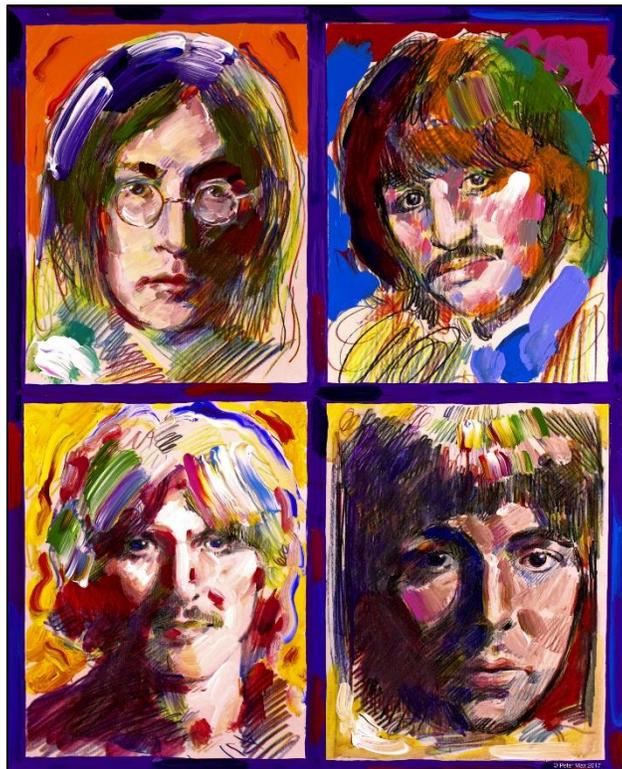
It was the summer of 1967 when as many as 100,000 young people converged in San Francisco’s Haight-Ashbury neighborhood and rung in a new era celebrating a simple four-letter word...LOVE. Max explains, "I remember the ‘Summer of Love’ vividly. It was a great cultural revolution, and out of it came the peace movement, ecology, natural foods, yoga, meditation, animal rights, and great rock music from Hendrix, Dylan, The Beatles, The Who, Ravi Shankar, The Mamas and the Papas, and so many others. So much incredible music. The chords, sounds and rhythms of this era influenced the movement of my brushstrokes, and still do."

A pop culture icon, Peter’s transcendent imagery, bold colors, and uplifting themes have touched almost every aspect of American culture and inspired more than five generations. During the “Summer of Love”, Peter remembers, “I was consumed by the idea of innocence as well as transcendence. I drew the faces of my flower children to be sweet and full of wonder...”



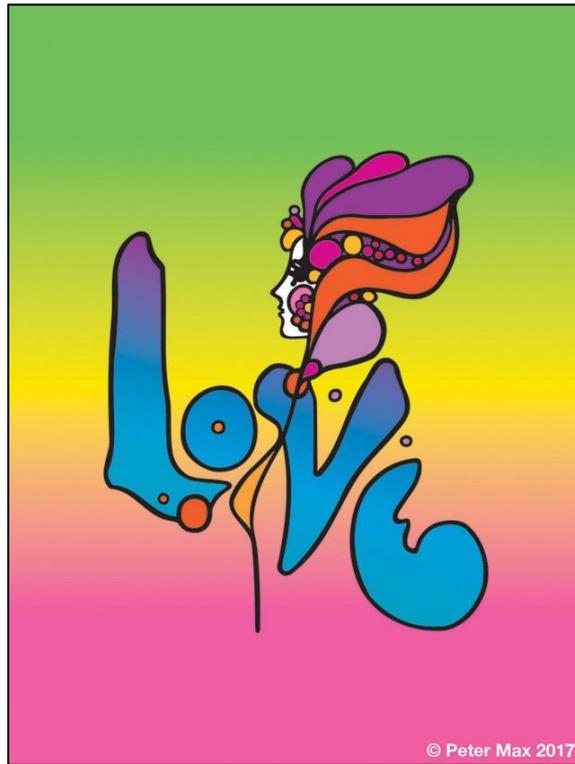
Butterfly, Copyright Peter Max 2017

Throughout his incredible artistic career, Peter Max has been the official artist for many national and international events, has painted presidents, world leaders and rock stars, and has created artwork on everything from a Boeing 777 to a 600-foot Woodstock stage. Peter has been the official artist of the GRAMMYs six times, and his recent works feature celebrity portraits of legendary musicians Tom Petty, Lionel Ritchie, Bono, and Bruce Springsteen, each of whom have been honored as The GRAMMYs MusiCares person of the year.



The Beatles, Copyright Peter Max 2017

Along with the collection of his famous cosmic images celebrating the “Summer of Love,” this year’s exhibition will include numerous paintings created specifically for the Stone Harbor event.



Love, Copyright Peter Max 2017

There will be two opportunities to meet **Peter Max** over the Fourth of July weekend in Stone Harbor, NJ at gallery receptions from **7:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2**. All artwork is available for acquisition and will be personally signed by the artist during the receptions. The exhibit and receptions take place at [Ocean Galleries](http://OceanGalleries.com) (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ/609.368.7777) from **Friday, June 30 through Wednesday, July 5, 2017**. Exhibit hours are **10:00 AM to 10:00 PM**.

In addition to an extraordinary collection of artwork and custom-framing, Ocean Galleries also offers a variety of hand-made crafts from local, regional, and national artists in America, such as glass, pottery, jewelry, and furniture. **All summer exhibitions take place at the Stone Harbor location of Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue), which is open from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM daily throughout the summer season.** The Avalon, NJ location of Ocean Galleries (2199 Ocean Drive) is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For more information, call **609-368-7777** or visit oceangalleries.com

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For more than 30 years, Ocean Galleries has provided quality art by contemporary artists to their clients while practicing the highest standards of credibility and integrity in a comfortable and unpretentious atmosphere. With locations in Stone Harbor and Avalon, New Jersey, the distinguished art galleries feature an ever-changing display of artwork that includes local artists’ watercolors, nationally recognized artists’ originals, popular beach prints, and limited editions. Ocean Galleries also carries fine furniture and hand-made crafts from America and around the world. Both locations have on-premises custom framing with design specialists and professional framers who can offer a wide selection of mouldings and an endless combination of traditional and custom-designed matting to complement and preserve any art. For more information, please call 609.368.7777 or visit www.oceangalleries.com