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'Lennon' actor gets hints from Yoko Ono

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Yoko Ono told Chad Kimball that he was falling in love with her wrong.

Kimball, a 28-year-old West Seattle native, and eight other multiracial actors interpret the character of John Lennon in the unorthodox new musical "Lennon," which opens today in San Francisco's Orpheum Theatre.

But Kimball gets to play John when the famed lovers meet, in scenes from 1966.

"A few weeks ago, Yoko came and saw our run-through in New York, and she said when they fell in love, they were surprised at the enormity of what was happening between them," Kimball said in a phone interview from San Francisco. "We were kind of playing it more giddy. It's insights like that that are priceless."

Kimball studied drama at Roosevelt High School in Seattle, then graduated to the Boston Conservatory. When he finished in 1999, he moved to New York, where he has been in the Broadway shows "The Civil War," "Into the Woods" and "Good Vibrations," the Beach Boys "jukebox" musical.

"Lennon," which was written and directed by the TV director Don Scardino ("Law and Order," "Cosby," "The West Wing"), looks on its surface like a jukebox production.

It is full of Lennon's post-Beatles songs, opuses such as "Imagine," "Give Peace a Chance," "Instant Karma," "Whatever Gets You Through the Night" and "Mother." It contains a few never-published songs, too, including "I Don't Want to Lose You," which Kimball sings.

"But this is different in that other jukebox musicals don't tell the story of their creators," Kimball said.

Lennon was born in 1940 in Liverpool and raised mostly by his mother's sister – who bought him his first guitar – and her husband. His mother, Julia, for whom he wrote the eponymous song, was killed in a car accident near where Lennon lived in



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1958. (Kimball plays John when Julia dies.)

Lennon became a superstar as guitarist, singer and songwriter with the Beatles, but he was also an uneven but sometimes inspiring solo artist and an activist. He was murdered outside his New York apartment by a deranged fan in 1980.

For one of Kimball's meatiest scenes, Yoko shared intimate details about Lennon's infidelity.

"When McGovern lost the election to Nixon, she tells a story that hasn't been told before, it's that they went to an election-night party in the Village, and John became completely drunk and, while they were both there, John pulled a woman into the next room and started making love with her," Kimball said. "Nobody could go in that room, even though all the coats were there."

Each actor illuminates one facet of Lennon's many-sided personality – one his soulfulness, another his politics.

"I kind of play John in his more tenuous moments, in his wild emotional side; the heart of John Lennon," Kimball said.

"Lennon" runs through May 14 in San Francisco, then goes to Boston from May 31 to June 25 and hits New York on July 7.



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