

A fond look at Lennon's "Lost Weekend"

If there's one thing that May Pang has been fighting for the last 28 years, it's the idea that John Lennon was depressed, isolated and out of control during the 18 months she lived with him, from the summer of 1973 to early 1975, when he reconciled with his second wife, Yoko Ono.

Lennon himself fostered that notion by referring to the time as his "Lost Weekend" in interviews he gave in 1980, when he released *Double Fantasy*, a joint album with Yoko Ono that was his return to music-making after five years' silence. And lurid, oft-repeated tales of a drunken Lennon's being evicted from the Troubadour, a nightclub in Los Angeles, seemed to support that image.

But to May Pang, now 57, the "Lost Weekend" was a remarkably productive time, during which Lennon completed three albums -- *Mind Games*, *Walls and Bridges* and *Rock 'n' Roll* -- recorded with David Bowie, Elton John and Mick Jagger. And having already detailed these experiences (along with the Troubadour expulsions and other dark moments) in *Loving John*, her 1983 memoir, Pang has returned with the photographic evidence.

Her new book, *Instamatic Karma* (St. Martin's Press), is a 140-page collection of casual photos that Pang took during her time with Lennon. Apart from a handful included in *Loving John* -- cropped and in black and white, but mostly printed in full and rich colour here -- she has kept them in a shoe box in her closet, occasionally pulling them out to show friends.

"I began to think about publishing them just in the last couple of years," Pang said recently. "A friend of mine kept saying, 'You tell all these stories about John, and when you do, you say, 'Wait a minute, I have a photo to go along with that!'' How come we never see these photos in a book? So, I thought maybe it's time to put them out. It would let people see John in that world, through my eyes. And it would get rid of that whole 'Lost Weekend' thing, where everyone says he was always down and



Instamatic Karma photographs from 1973-75 of May Pang, John and Julian Lennon, along with Harry Nilsson

looked terrible. I don't think these photos appear that way."

They don't in the pages of *Instamatic Karma* -- the title is a play on Lennon's song *Instant Karma* -- Lennon looks relaxed and happy, and is seen spending time with his first son, Julian, as well as with some famous friends, among them Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, Nilsson and Keith Moon. He is shown working in the recording studio, swimming in Long Island

Sound, clowning around in Central Park and visiting Disney World.

Pang arranged her book by subject instead of chronologically, with four chapters labelled "At Home," "At Play," "At Work" and "Away." To her regret, she did miss a few famous moments. The March 28, 1974, Los Angeles jam session that included Lennon, Nilsson, McCartney and Stevie Wonder, for example, was not documented.

But Pang did capture one

momentous event: Lennon's signing the agreement that dissolved the Beatles' partnership on December 29, 1974.

After four years' negotiation, the Beatles had agreed -- or appeared to have -- on the terms governing their formal split, and a meeting had been arranged at the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan on December 19. George Harrison was performing at Madison Square Garden that night; McCartney had flown in

from London; and Starr, having signed the document earlier, was on the telephone.

At the last minute, Lennon objected to a clause that he felt would create tax problems for him (as the only Beatle living in the United States), and decided not to attend. Harrison, furious, cancelled plans for Lennon to join him onstage at Madison Square Garden, but McCartney turned up at the East 52nd Street apartment that Lennon and Pang shared to discuss the sticking point.

Ten days later, when Lennon, Julian and Pang were at Disney World, a lawyer bearing the revised contract turned up, and Lennon asked Pang to take out her camera. As Pang describes the scene in *Instamatic Karma*, Lennon had a last-minute telephone conference with his own lawyer.

"When John hung up the phone," she writes, "he looked wistfully out the window. I could almost see him replaying the entire Beatles experience." Pang then photographed him signing just beneath the clearly legible signatures of Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Richard Starkey (Starr's real name), the shutter clicking between the "h" and "n" of his first name.

Given that Lennon had been particularly militant about leaving the Beatles in 1969, it might seem odd to learn that he did so wistfully. Not to Pang.

"Everybody changes," she said. "With John things changed on a daily basis. It's a question of time. Five years earlier was not the same situation. In 1974 he had just seen everyone. The friendship was still there. They were brothers. There was no animosity. And even though they all felt they had to break up to get to the next level of their musical careers, John had started this band that changed the world. It changed pop culture. So when he sat down to sign, he knew that this was it. His was the last signature. As he had started the group, he was the one to end it."

Source: The New York Times

Movie Review

"Horton Hears a Who!" is brilliant, lovable

There's a delightful new movie with no violence or sex. The look of the story is an undeniable treat, and the message it weaves is both funny and sweet. *Horton Hears a Who!* is razzle-dazzling and artful, and it builds on Dr. Seuss' words by the clever cart-fell.

One senses that the good doctor would be pleased with this cinematic treatment of his beloved 1954 book. The voice talent was well-chosen, and the computer-generated animation is gorgeous, vibrantly hued and surprisingly textured, particularly the many kinds of rippling and lustrous fur (a notoriously tough thing to render digitally).

Horton (voiced by Jim Carrey) is a cheerful, big-hearted galoot of an elephant. One day as he's tromping through the jungle, he hears a distant sound that

appears to be coming from a speck of dust. Sure enough, what he hears emanates from Whoville, an entire city contained on that speck. Horton is immediately intrigued and instantly ridiculed. Particularly threatened is a busybody kangaroo (a very funny Carol Burnett) who insists that anything outside her narrow world must be evil.

Horton bravely faces his detractors. He communicates with the mayor of Whoville (Steve Carell), who is derided on his end for believing that he's talking to an unseen elephant. The story's message of standing up for yourself and respecting others' opinions comes through powerfully in this imaginative adaptation.

Horton has a simple explanation for why he is willing to withstand the slings and arrows of the

controlling kangaroo and her court: "A person's a person, no matter how small." Writers Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul skillfully weave in the poetry of Seuss' actual words with their amusing dialogue.

Equally noteworthy is how the animators capture the visual magic of Seuss' distinctive and stylised illustrations. They also build ingeniously upon Seuss' rich fantasy world: Horton fashions his big floppy ears into a bathing cap before diving into a lake. Later, his trunk becomes a shower nozzle.

Horton's definition of the term ASAP -- "Act swiftly, awesome pachyderm" -- suggests sage advice to movie-lovers: Act swiftly and check out this awesome pachyderm strut his stuff.

Source: Internet



Horton, the lovable animated elephant, is voiced by Jim Carrey

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On Air

ATN BANGLA

- 08:15 Aker Shambadpotro
- 08:30 Dance Show: Nupur Chhondhey
- 09:20 Talk Show: Top Spin
- 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
- 11:05 Shath Din
- 12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhor
- 01:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film: Gram Gorjer Khoror
- 05:00 Gram Gorjer Khoror
- 05:30 Chardayalar Kabyo
- 06:20 Aalmar Shamney
- 06:45 Projomo Katha
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Alonogor
- 08:40 Drama Serial: Chor Kuthuri
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey
- 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 09:30 Shambadpotro Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra
- 11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aina
- 12:05 Mukto Bajar Onthoni
- 12:30 Citycell Taroka Katha
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:35 Special Programme
- 03:30 Money Talk
- 04:05 Educational Programme: BSB
- 05:30 Cambrian Medha Bikash'08
- 05:30 Shoter Shondhaney
- 06:00 Mukhtjudho Amar Ohonkaar
- 06:00 Children's Programme: Sisimpur
- 06:30 Rupantor
- 07:50 Ghar Kutum
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi
- 09:35 Hirdoye Matlo O Manush
- 10:00 Drama Serial: Phirey Dekha
- 11:30 Live Drama Serial: Astey Astey
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shambadpotro

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- 08:30 Aker Shokaal
- 08:55 Bangla Feature Film

- 12:10 Talk Show: El Shomoy
- 01:05 Cartoon
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Jaal
- 03:15 Music Jam
- 04:25 Golpo Kathar Natak
- 05:30 Alokpat
- 06:20 Shubho Shondha
- 06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoplho
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Shantokutir
- 09:00 Drama: Bhaat Ghum
- 11:35 Talk Show: El Shomoy

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- 11:00 Drama: Khata
- 12:05 Tele Film: Nilanjana
- 02:00 Shoplho Sheshey
- 03:30 Tele-film: Uro Jahaz
- 04:30 Shukhi Tara
- 05:15 Rupantor-er Golpo
- 06:45 Rokto Gham Potaka
- 07:00 Shomoyer Swad
- 08:15 Drama: Ochna Apon
- 09:30 Drama: Bondhu
- 11:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din

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Amar Ami

On Banglavisian at 9:05 pm

Talk Show hosted by Munmun

Guest: Abida Sultana, Shawkat Ali Emon

- 08:00 Protidin
- 08:30 Gaanchil El Din
- 09:00 Rtv Exclusive
- 09:05 Drama Serial: Ebong Rohashyer
- 10:00 Hello Love
- 11:00 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Children's Programme
- 12:15 Indian Idol Concert
- 01:00 Gaanchil El Din
- 01:30 Dhallywood Beats
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film: Protidin
- 06:30 Musical Programme: Shure Shure Path Chola
- 08:00 Drama: Dokan
- 11:00 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjan-ey
- 11:30 News Watch
- 12:00 Rtv Exclusive

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- 08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
- 10:30 Akaar Ekar

- 08:00 Ekush-er Shokal
- 12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
- 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:15 Sms Mania
- 05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
- 06:30 Shoplho Ghurey Desh Jurey
- 07:45 Explosive
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market
- Shahbag Dhaka 1000
- 10:00 Selected Programme

BANGLAVISIAN

- 09:00 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
- 10:10 Banglavisian Cafe
- 11:35 Media Hubon
- 02:00 Nokia Music
- 02:40 Drama Serial: Shunyo Pata
- 03:05 Drama Serial: Tanik Ali Hadan
- 04:20 Cinebit Shadakalo
- 05:30 Sports Vision

- 06:05 Din-er Sheshey
- 06:20 Amader Olithi
- 06:50 Shamol Bangla
- 08:25 Drama Serial: Pingol Akash
- 09:05 Amar Ami
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Shomokutir
- 11:25 Raat Beraalee
- 12:00 Shambad Protidin

BOISHAKHI

- 08:05 Drama Serial: Chondraboli
- 08:30 Cricket World
- 10:05 Shorashoni Apanar Doctor

- 06:00 Blind Dating
- 08:30 Ladder 49
- 11:00 Dark Water

STAR MOVIES

- 08:05 Back To Gaya
- 09:45 Robotech: The Shadow
- Chronicles
- 11:15 Home Of The Brave
- 03:15 Breed, The
- 02:45 Good Year, A
- 04:40 The Chronicles Of Namia
- 07:00 Partition
- 08:55 Dark, The
- 10:30 Phat Girlz
- 12:15 An American Haunting
- 01:45 Wild Things II

STAR PLUS

- 09:30 Karishma Ka Karishma
- 10:00 Shararat
- 10:30 Kaho Na Yaar Hai
- 11:30 Ong Bak (Hindi)
- 01:30 Ankhon Se Goli Maare
- 04:30 Zameen
- 08:00 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
- 08:30 Jai Maa Durga
- 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
- 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
- 10:30 Star Voi Chhote Ustaad
- 12:00 Kis Desh Mein Hai Meraa Dil
- 12:30 Kalash

STAR WORLD

- 09:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
- 10:30 J.A.G.
- 11:30 Invasion
- 12:30 Cops
- 01:30 Prison Break
- 03:30 Criminal Minds
- 04:30 Bones
- 05:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 06:30 Most Shocking
- 07:30 Heroes
- 08:30 Smallville
- 09:30 Bones
- 10:30 Tna Xplosion
- 11:30 The Unit
- 12:30 Smallville

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- 09:30 The Aztecs

- 10:30 The Byzantines
- 11:30 The Patron Of The Arts
- 12:00 Weapons Of The Gladiators
- 08:30 Feast India: Mumbai
- 01:30 Ancient Discoveries
- 02:30 The Universe
- 03:30 Dohfigths Season 2
- 04:30 Brinks Robbery
- 05:30 Mera India
- 06:00 Bismillah And Benaras
- 06:30 Friday Film
- 08:30 Jumbo Movie
- 10:30 Anne Frank
- 11:30 Oskar Schindler
- 12:30 Friday Film

AXN

- 08:30 The Contender Asia
- 09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos (Season 3)
- 10:30 Ultimate Guinness World Records
- 11:30 Top Chef (Season 2)
- 12:30 24 (Season 5)
- 03:30 The Shield (Season 6)
- 04:30 The Contender Asia
- 05:30 World's Most Amazing Videos (Season 3)
- 06:30 David Blaine: Street Magic
- 07:30 Damages
- 08:30 Bad Santa
- 10:30 Guinness World Records: 50 Years, 50 Records
- 11:30 24 (Season 5)
- 12:30 David Blaine: Street Magic

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

- 09:30 Amazon Abyss (Bbc)
- 10:30 Dirty Jobs - Season I: Pig Farmer
- 10:30 Dirty Jobs - Season I: Pig Farmer
- 11:30 Deadliest Season In The World: Episode 1
- 12:30 Dirty Jobs - Season I: Chick Sexer
- 01:30 Journey Of Life (Wj); Land Grab
- 02:30 Race To Mars: Episode 2
- 03:30 Base Camp Moon
- 04:30 Raw Nature: Raw Aggression
- 05:30 Deadliest Season In The World: Episode 2

- 06:30 Extreme Machines II: Landspeed II
- 07:30 Raw Nature: Raw Society
- 08:30 Feast India: Mumbai
- 09:30 Surviving Asia - Act Of Courage
- Thaipusam
- 09:30 Discovery Atlas - India (Wt)
- 11:30 Animal Camera - Surveillance
- On Survival: Episode 5
- 12:00 Meerkat Manor (Season 3): 3 Degrees Of Separation

HBO

- 10:45 Crimson Force
- 12:45 The Making Of Tim Burton's Corpse Bride
- 01:15 Rome 15: These Being The Words Of Marcus Tullius Cicero
- 02:30 Gridlock'd
- 04:30 Maverick
- 07:00 Hollywood's 10 Best: Comic Book Movies
- 07:30 Aeonflux
- 09:30 Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride
- 11:00 The Dukes Of Hazzard

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 09:30 Sauna Belt
- 10:30 Wild Safari
- 11:30 Don't Tell My Mother...
- 12:30 Meet Jeffery...
- 01:00 Amazing Adv Of A Nobody Usa
- 01:30 Aterciopelados
- 02:00 Ben Harper
- 02:30 Built For The Kill
- 03:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
- 04:00 On The Road
- 04:30 I Didn't Know That
- 05:00 Paris
- 05:30 Big Bang
- 06:00 Large Sharks
- 06:30 Mega Thursday
- 07:30 Built For The Kill
- 08:30 Anamalai
- 09:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
- 10:00 To The Edge Of Argentina
- 10:30 Hunter Hunted
- 11:30 Geo Sessions
- 12:00 Aterciopelados
- 12:30 Hollywood Science

Ladder 49

On Zee Studio at 8:30 pm

Genre: Action/Thriller

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta

