

# Lennon, as never seen before

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With his sleeves rolled up, eyes shaded by sunglasses and a cigarette in hand, a relaxed John Lennon is captured in a rare private moment in this previously unseen photo. Taken by David Spindel at the recording of Lennon's 1980 album *Double Fantasy*, released just three weeks before he was murdered in New York by Mark Chapman, the black and white images form part of an exhibition opening at London's Proud Gallery on 7 December. Timed to coincide with the 27th anniversary of the ex-Beatle's death, "Remember Love: John Lennon" showcases famous shots of the singer alongside images never before viewed by the public, and will run until next March.



## Portraits of the artist at work

John Lennon, left and above, and below with his wife Yoko Ono. After retiring from music in 1975, he re-emerged in 1980 with his comeback album 'Double Fantasy', released just weeks before his death DAVID M SPINDEL

