

Lennon & Yoko to Star In Garden Benefit Show

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With ex-Beatle John Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, sitting alongside, Mayor Lindsay made it official yesterday — there will be a huge concert, starring the Lennons, Aug. 30 at Madison Square Garden.

The musical event, to be known as the Concert to Free the Children of Willowbrook, will include such entertainers as Stevie Wonder, Sha Na Na, the Isley Brothers, Richard Kiley and a few other surprise guests, all of whom will donate their time and talent to the evening.

The money raised at this event will be used to help establish small community residential facilities for the mentally retarded to replace existing institutions.

The Garden show will climax

what is to be officially known as "One-to-One Day," according to the mayor. He explained that the show will be only one of the activities scheduled, and that the designation referred to an all-day affair to be held at the Sheep Meadow in Central Park.

On that day, starting at 10 a.m., more than 12,000 retarded patients will be escorted by an equal number of volunteer workers through a program that will include gifts, parades, bands, folk singing, social dancing, gym activities, creative play and refreshments.