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[A Phantom from a Beatles legend's past spotted in London](#)

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For the 50th anniversary of the release of the Beatles' 'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band' — one of the most important rock 'n' roll albums ever made — a psychedelic Phantom V previously owned by John Lennon is making its way back to London for a special exhibit...

Summer of love



In 1967, the Beatles released their eighth studio album, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, and to coincide with the new psychedelic theme of the music, John Lennon had his Valentine Black Rolls-Royce Phantom V repainted in a complementary colour scheme. With the work entrusted to Surrey coachbuilders JP Fallon, the car was painted in an unconventional but suitably Lennon-like fashion — yellow with bright red and blue swirls and squiggles, as well as a floral Romany scroll design, typically used on gypsy caravans and canal barges, and a zodiac symbol on the roof. Now, 50 years later, after living in America, ferrying around such rock stars as The Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan, the Phantom V has left its permanent residence in the Royal British Columbia Museum in Canada to be exhibited for the British public as a part of Bonhams' *The Great Eight Phantoms - A Rolls-Royce Exhibition*. As the Beatles once said, "We hope you will enjoy the show. Sit back and let the evening go..."

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