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# "Sleeping Through Dreamland" a Pajama Party Art Opening

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Cover art work of Susan Tibbles and Sunny Bak opening night Pajama Party of Sleeping through Dreamland  
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The opening night of the art show "Sleeping through Dreamland," a two person show, was a uniquely themed event- A Pajama Party. Guests were permitted to show up in pajamas. The theme was fitting as the show's location was the Natural Memory Foam Mattresses Store, Essentia, located at 2430 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The two artists Susan Tibbles and Sunny Bok represent different mediums, mixed assemblage and photography respectively, worked together to create a visually cohesive event, including pieces they created together combining their different forms of expression.

Sunny Bak is a self taught photographer, most none for her documentation of the Beastie Boys. . Her vast collection of Beastie Boys images are now on display at the Las Vegas Hard Rock Café's Rock Paper Photo Gallery and the Morrison Hotel Gallery in Soho, NY. For this show she created prints of

shots she took as a paparazzi photographer in the 1970s, including images of Andy Warhol, Jackie Onassis, Yoko Ono, Elizabeth Taylor, and Ginger Rogers.

Sunny and artist Andrea Tan also worked together on a piece commenting on the style of Andy Warhol but in neutral tones entitled Andy Warhol 1975 and using Pigment on Canvas. It is a take on the old paint by numbers combining the multiple image portraits that Warhol used to create, minus the bright colors.

Susan Tibbles is also a self taught artist and since 1990 she has been making herself known to the art world nationally and internationally. Her pieces are comprised of recycled treasures from machine parts to paper headlines. Her mixed media assemblages are designed to create political commentary of our time. Her work has also appeared as op-ed pieces in publications like the Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, and of course the Los Angeles Times.

Both artists worked together to create a cohesive and impressive display. Their curator Lou D'Ella is also a known assemblage artist and one of the founding members of the Photography Council, Los Angeles Museum of Art. According to him the art shows at the space have tripled business as it has increased traffic and during the opening the store manager was on hand to answer questions about the types of mattresses being sold. The show is open until December 4th, and the gallery is open from 11 am – 7 pm, closed Wednesdays, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am – 6 pm.

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