

**Karl Wirsum**

b. 1939, d. 2021

Lives and works in Chicago, IL

**Education**

1961 BFA, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Solo Exhibitions**

2024

*Eye Adjustment: 1963 – 2020*, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

*Eye Adjustment: 1963 – 2020*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY

2019

*Unmixedly at Ease: 50 Years of Drawing*, Derek Eller Gallery, NY

*Karl Wirsum, Corbett vs Dempsey*, Chicago, IL

2018

*Drawing It On, 1965 to the Present*, organized by Dan Nadel and Andreas Melas, Martinos, Athens, Greece

2017

*Mr. Whatzit: Selections from the 1980's*, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

*No Dogs Aloud*, Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL

2015

*Karl Wirsum, The Hard Way: Selections from the 1970s*, Organized with Dan Nadel, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

2013

Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

2010

*Drawings: 1967-70*, co-curated by Dan Nadel, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2008

*Karl Wirsum: Paintings & Prints*, Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, Peoria, IL

2007

*Winsome Works(some)*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; traveled to Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, WI; Herron Galleries, Indiana University- Perdue University, Indianapolis, IN

*Karl Wirsum: Plays Missed It For You*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2006

*The Wirsum-Gunn Family Show*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2005

*Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI*

2004

*Hello Again Boom A Rang: Ten Years of Wirsum Art, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL*

2002

*Paintings and Cutouts, Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL*

2001

*Rockford College Gallery, Rockford, IL*

2000

*Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL*

1998

*Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL University Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL*

1997

*The University of Iowa Museum of Art, Sculpture Court, Iowa City, IA*

1994

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*J. Maddux Parker Gallery, Sacramento, CA*

1992

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL*

1991

*Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL*

1989

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL*

1988

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY*

*College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL*

1986

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY*

1984

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL*

1983

*Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY*

1982

Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC

1981

Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Hare Toddy Kong Tamari: Selected Objects by Karl Wirsum*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

1980

Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1979

Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY

1978

Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1977

Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY

1976

Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1974

Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1971

Wabash Transit Gallery, Chicago, IL

1970

St. Xavier College, Chicago, IL

1967

Dell Gallery, Chicago, IL

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

*Inaugural Group Exhibition*, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY  
*Chicago Style*, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY

2023

*Nuts and Who's: A Candy Store Sampler*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*In my Room: Ana Benaroya, Tom of Finland, Karl Wirsum, Venus over Manhattan*, New York, NY

2022

*Some Kind of Mobster Roster*, Analog Diary, Beacon, NY

2021

*Private Eye: The Imagist Impulse in Chicago Art*, Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, Indianapolis, IN

2020

*One hundred drawings*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY

2019

*Alfred Schmeller: The Museum of a Flashpoint*, mumok, Vienna, Austria  
*Beyond The Cape! Comics and Contemporary Art*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL  
*How Chicago! Imagists 1960s & 70s*, Goldsmiths CCA, London, UK and De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill on Sea, UK

2018

*Hairy Who? 1966-69*, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*The Time is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South Side, 1960-1980*, Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*3D-Doings: The Imagist Object in Chicago Art, 1964-1980*, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY  
*The Figure and the Chicago Imagists: Selections from the Elmhurst College Art Collection*, curated by Suellen Rocca, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL  
*New to Mia: Art from Chicago*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN  
*Infinite Space: Rediscovering PAFA's Permanent Collection*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
*Painting: Now and Forever III*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY  
*Out of Control*, curated by Peter Saul, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY  
*The Chicago Show*, curated by Madeleine Mermall, Brooklyn, NY  
*Carol Cole: Cast A Clear Light*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC

2017

*Famous Artists from Chicago 1965 - 1975*, curated by Germano Celant, Fondazione Prada, Milan, Italy  
*We Are Everywhere*, MCA Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*World Premiere of Kings and Queens: Pinball, Imagists and Chicago*, curated by Dan Nadel,

Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL  
*Others*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL  
*A Dazzling Decade*, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS

2015

*Painting 2.0: Expression in the Information age*, curated by Achim Hochdoerfer, David Joselit, and Manuela Ammer, Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany  
*A Shared Space: KAWS, Karl Wirsum and Tomoo Gokita*, Newcomb Art Museum, New Orleans, LA  
*What Nerve! Alternative Figures in American Art, 1960 to Present*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY  
*America is Hard to See*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

2014

*What Nerve! Alternative Figures in American Art, 1960 to Present*, RISD Museum, Providence, RI  
*If You're Accidentally Not Included, Don't Worry About It*, curated by Peter Saul, Zürcher Studio, New York, NY

2013

*Chicago Imagists*, Karma International, Zurich, Switzerland

2012

*Sinister Pop*, curated by Donna De Salvo, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*2012 Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts*, The American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
*About Face*, ACME, Los Angeles, CA

2011

*Made in Chicago: The Koffler Collection*, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.  
*Chicago Imagists 1966-1973*, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, England  
*Re:Chicago*, Depaul University Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
*: Hypercolon* :, SMART Project Space, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*Chicago Imagists*, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI  
*Works on Paper: Selections from the Elmhurst College Collection*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL  
*DRAWN*, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Paper Show*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Play Ball*, Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster, PA  
*Pretty on the Inside*, curated by Erik Parker and KAWS, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY  
*Seeing is a Kind of Thinking: A Jim Nutt Companion*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

2010

*Looking Back: The Fifth White Columns Annual*, selected by Bob Nickas, White Columns, New York, NY  
*Mutant Pop*, Gallery Loyal, Stockholm, Sweden

2009

*Cool! Cool! Cool! Cool!*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2008

*The Baseball Show*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL *On Line*, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY

2006

*Drawn into the World*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*The Artful Jester*, The Painting Center, New York, NY; traveled to Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT  
*181st Annual: An Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary American Art*, National Academy of Design, New York, NY

2003

*Faces, Places, & Inner Spaces*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2005

*The Cartoonist's Eye*, A + D Gallery, Colombia College, Chicago, IL  
*25th Anniversary Show*, Block Museum, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
*Next in the Gallery: Karl Wirsum, Paul Lurie, & Hans Richter*, Herron Gallery, Indiana University; traveled to Perdue University, Indianapolis, IN  
*The John Cain Sideshow*, Carl Hammer Gallery, Chicago, IL

2004

*Painting the Town Red*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Out of the Blues*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*From Folk to Funk: Selections from the Robert A. Lewis Collection*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.  
*That 70s Show*, Northern Indiana Arts Association, Munster, IN  
*The Artist as Collector*, Northern Indiana Arts Association, Munster, IN

2003

*The Ganzfeld (unbound)*, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY

*January White Sale*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Scape of the Land*, Sisson Art Gallery, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, MI *Chicago Artists in the New Millennium*, Union League Club of Chicago, IL

2002

*Made in Chicago: Circa 1970*, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY  
*Absolute Vision VII: Contemporary Views of Nature*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2001

*The Lopsided Grin: Facing the New Century*, Williard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Art Center Galleries, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
*Reflections: Fifteenth Anniversary Exhibition*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2000

*Chicago Loop: Imagist Art 1949-1979*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*Jumping Jack Backflash*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; Northern Illinois Art Association, Munster, IN

*The Figure: Another Side of Modernism*, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, New House Center for Contemporary Art, Staten Island, NY

1999

*Chicago Subjects*, Laura Mesaros Gallery, U. of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV *Primary Colors*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

1998

*Making Marks*, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
*Roger Brown and Friends in the 90's*, Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College Visual Arts Center, Davidson, NC

1997

*Breadth of Aesthetic*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Grins: Humor and Whimsy in Contemporary Art*, Millard Sheets Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1996

*Art in Chicago: 1945-1995*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Second Sight: Modern Printmaking in Chicago*, Block Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
*Dealer's Choice: 25 Chicago Dealers Bring Their Art to Indiana*, Northern Indiana Arts Association, Munster, IN  
*Arts Center 10th Anniversary: Illinois Artists*, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

1995

*Off the Wall*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Phyllis Kind Gallery Revisited*, The Foster Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI

1993

*Chicago Art Festival*, The Union League Club, Chicago, IL  
*Imagery: Incongruous Juxtapositions*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1992

*From America's Studio: Drawing New Conclusions*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Illinois Painter's Invitational*, Western Illinois University Art Gallery, Macomb, IL  
*The Chicago Imagists: Art with an Edge To It*, Land's End Gallery, Dodgeville, WI  
*N.A.M.E.'s 11th Annual Saint Valentine's Day Exhibition and Benefit Auction*, N.A.M.E. Gallery, Chicago, IL

1991

*Figuration*, Pfizer Inc., New York, NY  
*Zero Gravity*, Citibank, Long Island City, NY

*Spirited Visions: Portraits of Chicago Artists by Patty Carroll*, The State of Illinois Art Gallery, Chicago, IL

1990

*Drawing Invitational/29 Chicago Artists*, Central Washington University, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA

*Cast, Constructed, and Site-Specific Paper Works*, The Paine Art Center and Arboretum, Oshkosh, WI

*California A to Z and Return*, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

*Word as Image/American Art 1960-1990*, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI, traveling to Oklahoma City Art Museum, OK; Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX

*Portraits of a Kind*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1989

*Human Concern/Personal Torment-Revisited*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY and Chicago, IL

*Birthday Cake: 50th Anniversary Exhibition*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

*Chicago Painters in Print: Brown, Paschke, Hull, Lostutter, Pasin-Sloan, Bramson, Wirsum*, Landfall Press, Chicago, IL

1988

*Seymour Rosofsky and the Chicago Imagist Tradition*, The Milwaukee Art Museum at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, W

1987-88

*Contemporary Cutouts: Figurative Sculpture in Two Dimensions*, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY

1987-92

*Diamonds are Forever: Artists and Writers on Baseball*, New York State Museum, Albany, NY; traveled to Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, FL; Museum of Art and History, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH; Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX; Baltimore Museum of Art, MD; Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA; New York Public Library, New York, NY; The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA; San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA; Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston Salem, NC; The Skydome, Toronto, Canada; Yurakucho Art Forum/Seibu Department Store, Tokyo, Japan; The Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan; Denver Art Museum/Downtown Branch, Denver, CO; Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ; Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY.

1987

*Drawings of the Chicago Imagists*, Renaissance Society of the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Friday Diego: Una Pareja*, The Prairie Avenue Gallery (organized by Artemisia Gallery), Chicago, IL

*Made in the U.S.A.: An Americanization in Modern Art, the 50's and 60's*, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA; traveled to Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO; Virginia



Museum of Art, Richmond, VA

*Urgent Messages*, The Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

*Of New Account: The Chicago Imagists*, The School of Art Gallery, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

*Surfaces: Two Decades of Painting in Chicago - Seventies and Eighties*, Terra Museum of American Art, Chicago, IL

*The Chicago Imagist Print: Ten Artists' Works, 1958-1987*, The David and Alfred Smart Gallery, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1986-87

*Biennial III*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH; traveled to Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH; Herron Gallery of Contemporary Art, Indianapolis, IN; Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, MI

1986

*Komic Ikonoclasin*, I.C.A. Gallery, London, England

*Sculpture Exhibition*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY

*Art in Paper*, Swen Parson Gallery, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

1985-86

*Correspondences: New York Art Now*, Laforet Museum, Tokyo, Japan; traveled to Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Art, Tochigi, Japan; Tasaki Hall, Espace Media, Kobe, Japan

1985

*Modern Masks*, The Whitney Museum of American Art at Phillip Morris, New York, NY *Bases are Loaded*, Gallery 53, Cooperstown, NY

*Wood Hue or Knot?*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Works on Paper*, Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO

1984

*Visions of Childhood: a Contemporary Iconography*, Whitney Museum of Art at Federal Hall, New York, NY

*80th Exhibition by Artists of Chicago and Vicinity*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*10 Years of Collecting at the M.C.A.*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

*Chicago Cross-Section*, Trisolini Gallery, University of Ohio at Athens, OH

*Small But Hot*, Burpee Art Museum, Rockford, IL

*Chicago Imagist Update*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Contemporary Works on Paper*, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, TN

*Heads*, Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Artists' Call Against Nicaragua*, Artemisia Gallery, Chicago, IL

*The Museum of Contemporary Art Selects: Paintings and Sculptures From Chicago's Best*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

*Joseph Yoakum: His Influence on Contemporary Art and Artists*, Carl Hammer Gallery, Chicago, IL

1983

*Gladys Nilsson, Jim Nutt, Ed Paschke, Suellen Rocca, Karl Wirsum*, Gallery Bonnier, Geneva,

Switzerland

*Marathon '83*, International Running Center, New York Road Runners Club, New York, NY *The Comic Art Show*, Whitney Museum of Art At Federal Hall, New York, NY  
*Chicago Scene*, Mandeville Art Gallery, University of California at San Diego, San Diego, CA  
*The Last Laugh*, Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, Portsmouth, OH  
*Festival of the Arts*, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA  
*The Big Pitcher Show: Twenty Years of the Abstracted Figure in Chicago Art*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Fans/ Invitational Exhibit for the Benefit of the Hyde Park Art Center*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

1982

*Paintings and Sculpture Today*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN  
*Chicago on Paper*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane, Australia  
*Chicago Images*, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO; traveled to Saginaw Museum of Art, Saginaw, MI  
*Hot Chicago*, Douglas Drake Gallery, Kansas City, KS  
*From Chicago*, Pace Gallery, New York, NY  
*Selections From the Dennis Adrian Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Dialect=Dialectic: A Group Show of Artists With Complex and Individual Vocabularies*, Phyllis Kind Galleries, New York, NY and Chicago, IL

1981

*Figuratively Sculpting*, Institute for Art and Urban Resources at P.S. 1 Gallery, Long Island, NY  
*New Dimensions in Drawing*, The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
*The Broken Surface*, Bennington College, Vermont; Tibor de Nagy Gallery, NY; Virginia Technical Institute, Blacksburg, VA  
*50 Works of Art That Shouldn't Leave Madison*, Madison Art Center, WI

1980

*Who Chicago? An Exhibition of Contemporary Imagists*, Sunderland Arts Centre, Ceolfrith Gallery, London, England; traveled to Camden Arts Centre, Camden, London; Third Eye Centre, Glasgow, Scotland; The Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland; The Welsh Arts Council, Glynvivan Gallery, Swansea, Wales; Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA; Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA  
*Contemporary Drawings and Watercolors*, Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY  
*Six Artists From Chicago*, The Ackland Museum of Art, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC; traveled to San Diego Museum of Art, CA  
*Seen in Chicago*, Illinois Bell Gallery, Chicago, IL

1979

*Art, Inc. — American Paintings from Corporate Collections*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, Montgomery, AL; traveled to Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN  
*Painters From New York Galleries*, James Madison University, Harrisburg, VA; traveled to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA; Roanoke College, Salem, VA  
*Chicago Currents: The Koffler Foundation*, The National Collection of Fine Arts, Washington

D.C.

*Material Pleasures*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1978

*Contemporary Chicago Painters*, University of Northern Iowa Gallery of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA

*Eleven Chicago Painters*, University of Southern Florida Gallery of Art, Tallahassee, FL *Chicago*

*Collects*, Northern Illinois University Gallery 200, Dekalb, IL

1977

*Masterpieces of Chicago Art*, Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

1976

*The Chicago Connection*, E.B. Crocker Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA; traveled to Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport, CA; Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ; Brooks Memorial Art Gallery, Memphis, TN; Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

*Old and New Works by the Artists From the Phyllis Kind Gallery*, Foster Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI

*100 Artists/100 Years: Alumni of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1975

*Art Now*, Artrend Foundation, John F. Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.

1974

*75th Exhibition of Artists of Chicago and the Vicinity*, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1973

*XII Biennial de Sao Paulo*, Sao Paulo, Brazil and traveled throughout South America

*Made in Chicago*, National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; traveled to Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

*Cook County Art Machine*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL

1972

*Chicago Imagist Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL; New York Cultural Center, NY

*What They're Up To In Chicago*, The National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

1971

*Chicago Antigua*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL *Phyllis' Teens*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1970

*Surplus Slop from the Windy City*, San Francisco Art Center, San Francisco, CA; traveled to Sacramento State College of Art, Sacramento, CA

*Marriage Chicago Style*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

*Thirteen Artists from Chicago*, Richard Feigan Gallery, New York, NY

1969

*Don Baum Sez "Chicago Needs Famous Artists"*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

*The Hairy Who: Drawings*, The School of the Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Spirit of the Comics*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, PA  
*Human Concern/Personal Torment*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*da Hairy Who?*, Dupont Center, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.

1968

*Now! Hairy Makes You Smell Good*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL *Biennial*, Whitney  
Museum of American Art, New York, NY

1967

*The Hairy Who?*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL; traveled to Dupont Center, Corcoran  
Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.

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2021

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2019

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Searle, Adrian. "How Chicago! Review – peanut-brained police patrol a curdled view of America." *The Guardian*, March 18, 2019.

2018

Archambeau, Robert. "The Wild World of the Hairy Who." *Hyperallergic*, December 1, 2018.

Reeves, Chris. "What Ever Happened To Taking A Chance? A Review of 'Hairy Who? 1966 – 1969' at the Art Institute of Chicago." *NewcityArt*, November 5, 2018.

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Cohe, Alina. "1960's Chicago Gave Birth to a Colorful, Frenetic Art Style That Is Still Gathering Steam." *Artsy*, May 17, 2018.

Isaacs, Deanna. "Looking back at the Hairy Who, the 1960s Chicago art world's greatest branding exercise." *Chicago Reader*, September 26, 2018.

2017

Rudick, Nicole. "Karl Wirsum's Casting Call." *The Paris Review*, September 13, 2017.

2016

Pickett, Leah. "Karl Wisum, a film about the founding member of the Hairy Who and the Chicago Imagists, has been restored." *Chicago Reader*, October 21, 2016.

2015

Brown, Becky. "Karl Wirsum." *Art in America*, December, 2015.

Rudick, Nicole. "Transfigured: An Interview with Karl Wirsum." *Hyperallergic*, October 10, 2015.

2013

Russeth, Andrew. "A Weird Win From the Second City: Karl Wirsum, Chicago Cohort Have Big Apple Moment." *New York Observer*, October 29, 2013.

Plagens, Peter. "Passion and Talent In Very Large Doses." *The Wall Street Journal*, October 27, 2013

Johnson, Ken. "Karl Wirsum." *The New York Times*, October 18, 2013.

Indrisek, Scott. "The Strange Worlds of Artists Keegan McHargue and Karl Wirsum." *BlackBook*, October 4, 2013.

2010

Rosenberg, Karen. "Karl Wirsum: Drawings 1967 – 70." *The New York Times*. September 17, 2010.

2006

Nance, Kevin. "On Paper, MCA Show is a Smash." *Chicago Sun Times*, July 13, 2006.

2004

Camper, Fred. "Happy Scary Monsters." *Chicago Reader*, September 17, 2004.

2001

Yood, James. "Karl Wirsum." *Artforum*, January, 2001.

1985

Lucie-Smith, Edward. *American Art Now*, 1985. pp. 122, 124.

1984

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1983

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1982

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1981

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1980

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1979

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1978

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Chazen Museum of Art, Madison, WI  
DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL  
Elvehjem Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
The Illinois Collection for the State of Illinois Center, Chicago, IL  
Illinois State Museum Chicago Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Kalamazoo, MI  
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL  
Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, IN  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria  
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL  
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
David and Alfred Smart Gallery, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C.  
Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY