

**Paul McCarthy**

**TREE  
GREEN  
PLUG  
BOTTLE  
WHISKY  
BUCKET  
BLACK**



**UNION**

# *Tree Green Plug Bottle Whisky Bucket Black*

Paul McCarthy

Ten years after 'Tree' the 80ft inflatable sculpture that sparked controversy when installed in Paris, Paul McCarthy revisits its iconic form in a provocative new artist edition and solo exhibition at Union Gallery, London: Tree Green Plug Bottle Whisky Bucket Black.

Created in collaboration with McLean's Artist Malts, this limited-edition artwork marries contemporary sculpture with rare Scotch whisky in a new form.

## **A New Multiple by Paul McCarthy**

Paul McCarthy (b. 1945, Utah, USA) is one of the most influential and subversive voices in contemporary American art. Known for his transgressive performances, videos, and visceral sculptures, McCarthy's work interrogates culture, taboo, and mass media through satire, and absurdity.

The project began in 2014, when artist Liam Scully visited McCarthy in Los Angeles shortly after the 'Tree' installation, its vandalism and subsequent removal in Paris. The two discussed creating a whisky-based edition, and McCarthy proposed transforming the Tree form into a sculptural vessel — one that would both contain and become the whisky.

Drawing on the modernist legacy of Constantin Brancusi's Endless Column and Hans Arp's organic abstraction, McCarthy distils Tree into a sleek, hand-blown Murano glass bottle. Its opaque green hue — suspended within a layer of crystal — echoes the original inflatable's colour and form, emphasizing the sculpture's lineage.

Working closely with Adriano Berengo of the world-renowned Berengo Studio in Murano, Italy — a beacon of excellence in contemporary glassmaking — McCarthy has realized a whisky bottle of exquisite craftsmanship.

The bottle is housed within a custom black steel bucket. Industrial and stark, perhaps a nod to early video works — notably Ma Bell (1971) which featured a comparable vessel, marking a subtle shift between eras. McCarthy plays on packaging as disposable, yet here signed and numbered beneath the steel lid, it is integral to the bucket as value, serving as both container and pedestal.

## **Whisky As Sculpture**

Inside the bottle: a 13-year-old, heavily peated single malt Scotch whisky from Bunnahabhain Distillery, Islay. Distilled on 20 January 2005 and aged over 11 years in a sherry butt, the whisky underwent an 18-month final maturation in a sherry-infused octave before bottling at cask strength (55.2%) on 4 March 2019 — exclusively for Paul McCarthy.

## **Limited Edition**

The Edition (Nos. 1–36) includes a suite of four large-scale lithographs (76 x 106 cm unframed), printed by world renowned Polígrafa Obra Gràfica in Barcelona. These expressive drawings were created at McCarthy's own dining table in Los Angeles during a spirited whisky tasting session with Liam Scully, Director of McLean's Artist Malts.

During this session, McCarthy sampled whiskies from eight Scottish distilleries, ultimately favouring a heavily peated, sherry-finished profile — leading to the selection of the rare Bunnahabhain cask. Three additional drawings from this session informed the design of the bottle itself, making this edition a fully immersive artwork — one that blurs the boundaries between art object, ritual, and rare spirit.



**PAUL McCARTHY**  
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY  
From Bunnahabhain  
Aged 13 Years  
PRODUCT OF SCOTLAND, PH36 4JG  
55.2% vol 70cl

PAUL McCARTHY



*Tree Green Plug Bottle Whisky Bucket Black*  
Early Collectors Edition

Inclusive of the whisky bottle,  
signed bucket and one of the four signed lithograph prints  
\$10,000 USD



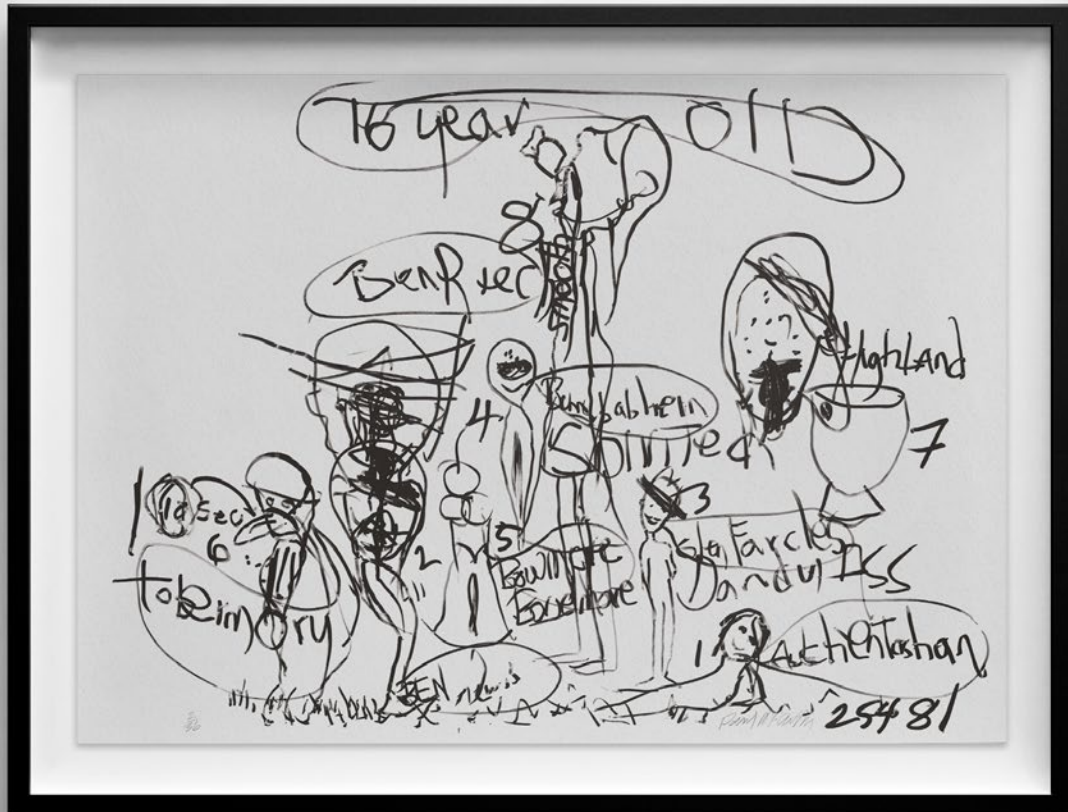


*Tree Green Plug Bottle Whisky Bucket Black*  
2014-2024

13-year-old single malt Scotch whisky, hand blown coloured glass,  
wax, foil sticker, foam, steel bucket

Edition of 90 + 3AP  
57.2 x 27.9 x 27.9 cm

# PAUL McCARTHY



*Testing Whisky Testing, 8 Shots*

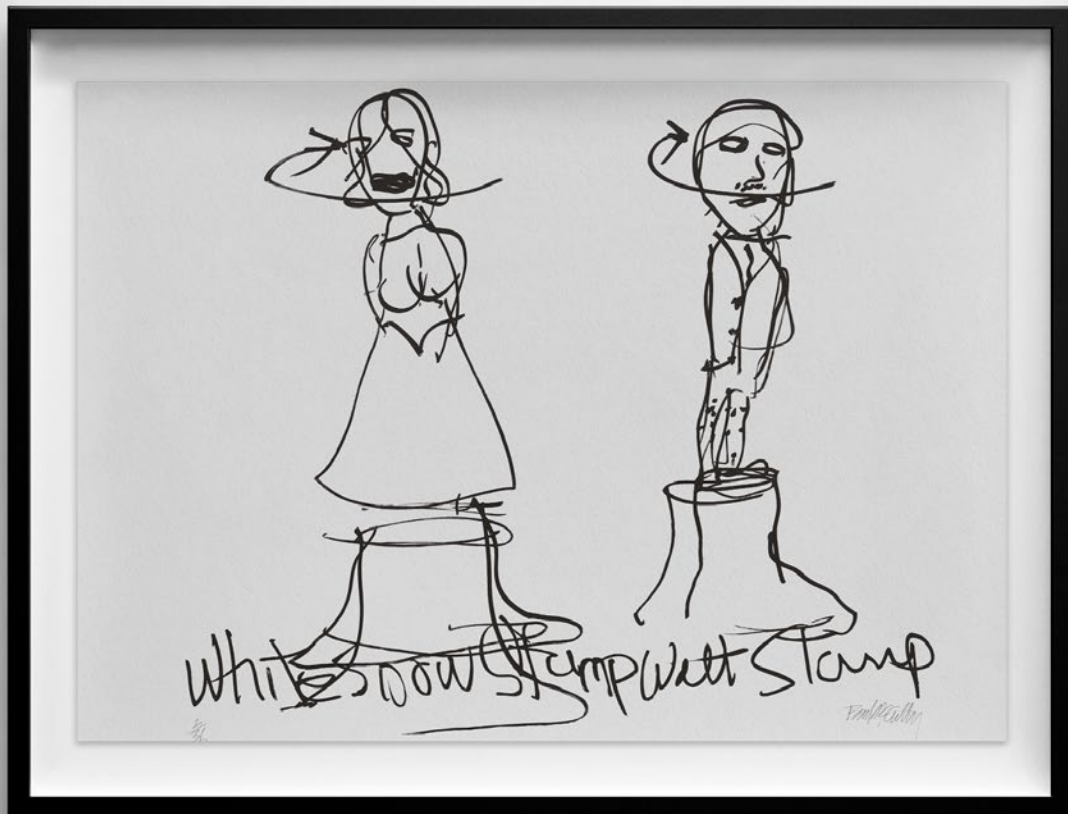
2014-2024

Lithograph

Edition of 36 + 3AP

70 x 100 cm

PAUL McCARTHY



*White Snow Stump Walt Stump*

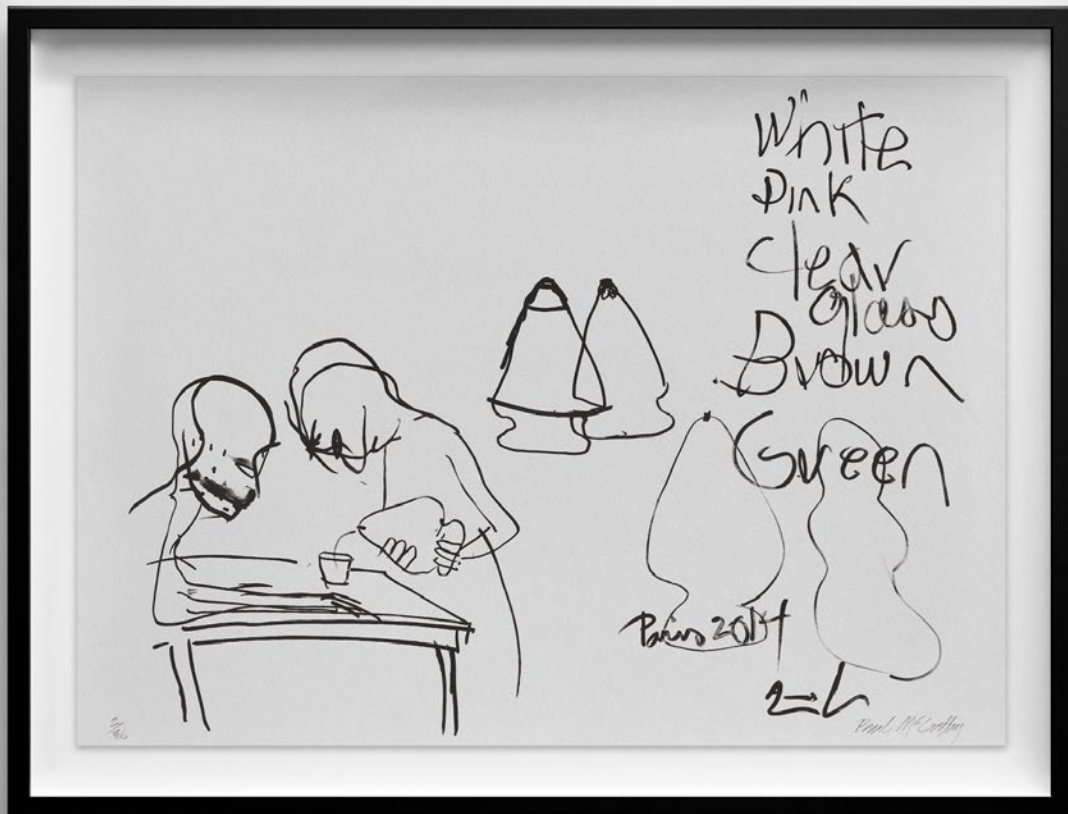
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Lithograph

Edition of 36 + 3AP

70 x 100 cm

PAUL McCARTHY



*White Pink Clear Glass Brown Green*

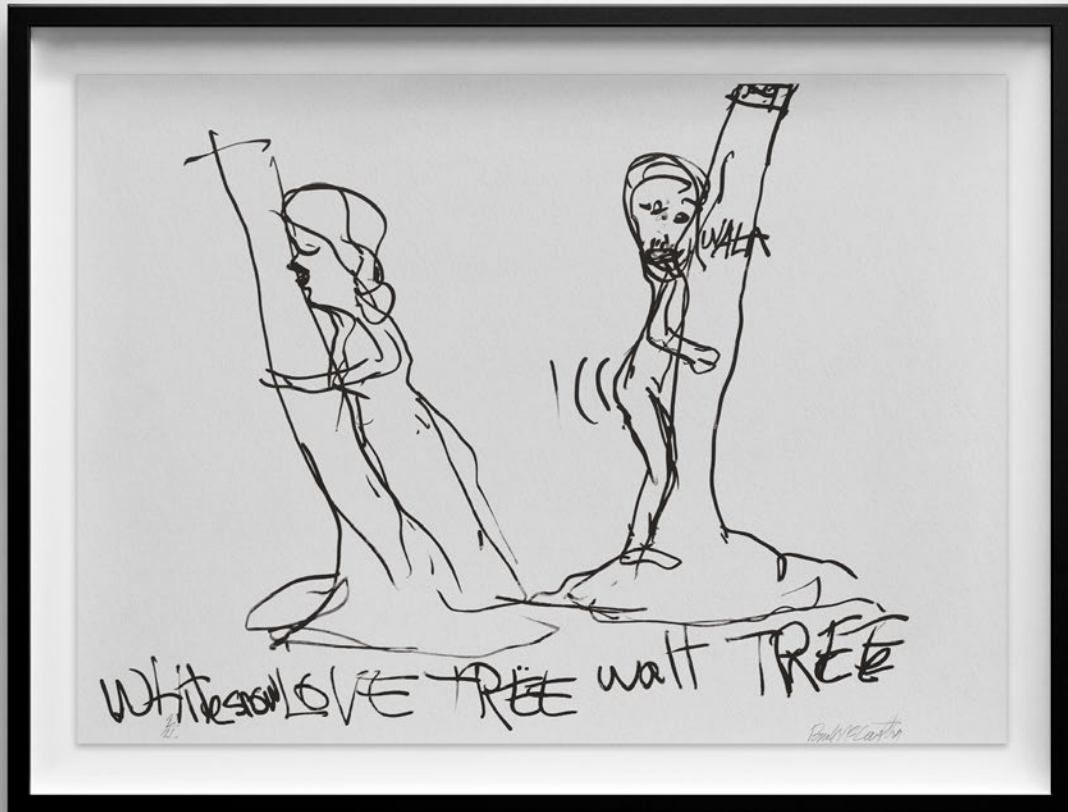
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Lithograph

Edition of 36 + 3AP

70 x 100 cm

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*White Snow Love Tree Walt Tree*

2014-2024

Lithograph

Edition of 36 + 3AP

70 x 100 cm

# PAUL McCARTHY, b. 1945

## EDUCATION

1965	Weber State College, Ogden
1966-1968	University of Utah, Salt Lake City
1968-1969	San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco
1969-1970	University of Utah, Salt Lake City
1970-1973	University of Southern California, Los Angeles

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	Jeffrey Deitch, 'Paul McCarthy: Tomato Head', West Hollywood, USA
2024	The Pit, 'Cognitive Surge: Stage Coach. Paul McCarthy & Benjamin Weissman', Los Angeles, USA
2023	Galerie Max Hetzer, 'Them as Was Is', Berlin, DE Xavier Hufkens, 'Paul McCarthy', Brussels, BE Gagosian, 'the ömen. Albert Oehlen paintings and Paul McCarthy Sculptures', New York, USA
2022	Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. A&E Drawings. A&E Drawing Session 2021 With Lilith Stangenberg', Los Angeles, USA Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. Pirates Stew Pot', MON
2021	KODE, 'Paul McCarthy. Dead End Hole', Bergen, NO The Box, 'Paul McCarthy. Parts Make Up a Hole', Los Angeles, USA Viborg Animation Festival, Viborg Kunsthall, 'A&E VR Experiment. Adolf/Adam and Eva/Eve', Viborg, DK Peder Lund, 'Painted Pirate Heads', Oslo, NO Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. A&E Sessions – Drawing and Painting', New York, USA
2020	Tamark 22 / Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy Alpine Stories and other Dystopias', Gstaad, CH Hammer Museum, 'Paul McCarthy. Head Space, Drawings 1963-2019', Los Angeles, USA
2019	Xavier Hufkens, 'Paul McCarthy. Mixed Bag', Brussels, BE
2018	360: VR Room, Zabłudowicz Collection, 'Paul McCarthy – C.S.S.C. Coach Stage Stage Coach VR experiment Mary and Eve', London, UK M Woods Museum, 'Paul McCarthy. Innocence. Video Works 1970-2013', Beijing, CN
2017	Kukje Gallery, 'Cut Up and Silicone, Female Idol, WS', Seoul, KR Hauser & Wirth, 'WS Spinoffs, Wood Statues, Brown Rothkos', Los Angeles, USA Fundació Gaspar, 'WS & CSSC, Drawings and Paintings', Barcelona, ES Fondazione Giorgio Cini, 'Paul McCarthy and Christian Lemmerz. New Media (Virtual Reality Art)', Venice, IT Deitch Projects, 'Paul McCarthy and Mike Kelley. Heidi, Midlife Crisis Trauma Center and Negative Media-Engram Abreaction Release Zone 1992', New York, USA
2016	Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. Raw Spinoffs Continuations', New York, USA Xavier Hufkens, 'Paul McCarthy. White Snow & Coach Stage Stage Coach Spinoffs', Brussels, BE
2016	Lokremise, 'Paul McCarthy', St. Gallen, CH Henry Art Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy. White Snow, Wood Sculptures', Seattle, USA
2015	Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, 'Full Exposure. Paul and Damon McCarthy's Pirate Party', Durham, USA The Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago, 'Paul McCarthy. Drawings', Chicago, USA Volksbühne, 'Paul McCarthy and Damon McCarthy. Rebel Dabble Babble', Berlin, DE Schinkel Pavillon, 'Paul McCarthy', Berlin, DE Economou Collection, 'Inbetween. Baselitz – McCarthy', Athens, GR Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. Spin Offs. White Snow WS, Caribbean Pirates CP', Zurich, CH Art & Public – Cabinet P.H., 'Paul McCarthy. Photographs 1977-1996', Geneva, CH
2014	Monnaie de Paris, 'Chocolate Factory', Paris, FR Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy – WS SC', London, UK Galleri F15, 'Paul McCarthy – Ketchup and Blood', Moss, NO

- 2014 Marlborough Monaco, 'Mike Bouchet & Paul McCarthy – Double Deck Monty Carlo', MON  
Space Studios, 'Paul McCarthy. Black and White Tapes', London, UK  
Portikus, 'Mike Bouchet & Paul McCarthy', Frankfurt am Main, DE  
Galerie Parisa Kind, 'Mike Bouchet & Paul McCarthy', Frankfurt am Main, DE
- 2013 8. Salon, 'Andy Hope 1930, Paul McCarthy. Down Show Show Down', Hamburg, DE  
Park Avenue Armory, 'WS', New York, USA  
Hauser & Wirth, 'Rebel Dabble Babble', New York, USA  
Hauser & Wirth, 'Life Cast', New York, USA  
Hauser & Wirth, 'Sculptures', New York, USA
- 2012 Hauser & Wirth, 'PROPO', Zurich, CH  
Peder Lund, 'White Snow', Oslo, NO  
Neue Nationalgalerie, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, 'Paul McCarthy. The Box', Berlin, DE  
The Box, 'Rebel Dabble Babble', Los Angeles, USA  
Kukje Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy, Nine Dwarves', Seoul, KR  
Espace Croisé – Centre d'art contemporain, 'Mike Kelley – Paul McCarthy', Roubaix, FR
- 2011 Hauser & Wirth, 'The Dwarves, The Forests', New York, USA  
Hauser & Wirth, 'The King, The Island, The Train, The House, The Ship', London, UK  
KÖR Kunst im öffentlichen Raum, Kunsthalle Wien, 'Skulptur. Paul McCarthy "Henry Moore Bound to Fail"', Vienna, AT  
Hammer Museum, 'Paul McCarthy. White Snow Dwarf (Dopey #1)', Los Angeles, USA  
Charles Riva Collection, 'Paul McCarthy – Selected Works', Brussels, BE
- 2010 Sammlung Friedrichshof, 'Caribbean Pirates – in collaboration with Damon McCarthy', Zurndorf, AT  
L&M Arts, 'Three Sculptures', Los Angeles, USA  
Fondazione Nicola Trussardi, 'Pig Island', Milan, IT
- 2009 Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. White Snow', New York, USA  
De Uithof / City of Utrecht, 'Paul McCarthy – Air Pressure', Utrecht, NL  
Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy', Zurich, CH
- 2009 KUMU Eesti Kunstimuseum, 'Paul McCarthy & Benjamin Weissman – Quilting Sessions', Tallinn, EE  
(Travelling Exhibition)  
Salt Lake Art Center, 'Contemporary trends in video art – Paul McCarthy', Salt Lake City, USA  
Zacheta National Gallery of Art, 'Paul McCarthy & Benjamin Weissman – Quilting Sessions', Warsaw, PL (Travelling Exhibition)  
CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, 'Paul McCarthy's Low Life Slow Life. Part 2', cur. Paul McCarthy, San Francisco, USA
- 2008 Whitney Museum of American Art, 'Central Symmetrical Rotation Movement – Three Installations, Two Films', New York, USA  
Galleria Civica di Arte Contemporanea, 'Paul McCarthy & Benjamin Weissman – Quilting Sessions', Trento, IT (Travelling Exhibition)
- 2007 Maccarone Gallery, 'PETER PAUL CHOCOLATES. Edibles by Paul McCarthy', New York, USA  
Essl Museum Kunst der Gegenwart, 'Paul McCarthy. Tokyo Santa 1996/2004', Klosterneuburg, AT  
Middelheim Museum, 'Paul McCarthy – Air Born / Air Borne / Air Pressure', Antwerp, BE  
Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy – Damon McCarthy. Portfolios', Zurich, CH  
S.M.A.K. Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst, 'Paul McCarthy. Head Shop / Shop Head: Works from 1966-2006', Ghent, BE (Travelling Exhibition)  
ARoS Aarhus Museum of Art, 'Paul McCarthy. Head Shop / Shop Head: Works from 1966-2006', Aarhus, DK (Travelling Exhibition)
- 2006 Moderna Museet, 'Paul McCarthy. Head Shop / Shop Head: Works from 1966-2006', Stockholm, SE (Travelling Exhibition)  
Nyehaus, 'Paul McCarthy. Between Beauty and the Beast. Sculptures, Drawings and Photographs', New York, USA
- 2005 Whitechapel, 'Paul McCarthy. LaLa land parody paradise', London, UK (Travelling Exhibition)  
Haus der Kunst, 'Paul McCarthy. LaLa Land Parody Paradise', Munich, DE (Travelling Exhibition)  
Hauser & Wirth, 'John McCracken – Paul McCarthy', Zurich, CH
- 2004 CAC Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, 'Paul McCarthy. Brain Box – Dream Box', Malaga, ES (Travelling Exhibition)  
Van Abbemuseum, 'Paul McCarthy. Brain Box – Dream Box', Eindhoven, NL (Travelling Exhibition)

- 2003 Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. Piccadilly Circus', London, UK  
Tate Modern / Henry Moore Foundation Contemporary Projects, 'Paul McCarthy at Tate Modern', London, UK  
The National Museum of Contemporary Art, 'Paul McCarthy. Films and Video Works', Oslo, NO  
Museum für Gegenwartskunst, 'Zoe Leonard und Paul McCarthy. Werke aus der Sammlung Schürmann', Siegen, DE
- 2002 Luhring Augustine Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy. Clean Thoughts', New York, USA  
De Hallen, 'Paul McCarthy. Videowerken 1971-1999', Haarlem, NL  
Butler Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy. Videos', Kilkenny, Ireland Sammlung Falckenberg, 'Proposition' [collaboration with Jason Rhoades], Hamburg, DE  
Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy & Jason Rhoades. Shit Plug', Zurich, CH
- 2001 Hauser & Wirth, 'Paul McCarthy. Pirate Drawings', Zurich, CH  
Villa Arson, 'Paul McCarthy', Nice, FR  
Kunstverein Hamburg, 'Paul McCarthy. Videos und Fotografien', Hamburg, DE  
Tate Liverpool, 'Paul McCarthy', Liverpool, UK  
New Museum of Contemporary Art, 'Paul McCarthy', New York, USA  
Deitch Projects, 'Paul McCarthy. The Garden', New York, USA  
Public Art Fund / IBM Building – 590 Madison Avenue, 'Paul McCarthy. The Box', New York, USA
- 2000 MOCA The Museum of Contemporary Art / New Museum, 'Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles, USA  
Patrick Painter Inc., 'Heidi File', Santa Monica, USA  
Eleni Koroneou Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', Athens, GR  
Wiener Secession, 'Projekt Fassade', Vienna, AT  
Patrick Painter Inc., 'Paul McCarthy. Selected Works. Mark Lewis. New Works', Los Angeles, USA  
Patrick Painter Inc., 'Mike Kelley – Paul McCarthy. Out O' Actions', Santa Monica, USA  
The Power Plant, 'Mike Kelley and Paul McCarthy. Collaborative Works', Toronto, CA
- 1999 David Zwirner Gallery, 'Proposition' [collaboration with Jason Rhoades], New York, USA (Travelling Exhibition)  
Sammlung Hauser & Wirth / Lokremise St. Gallen, 'Dimensions of the Mind', St. Gallen, CH  
Studio Guenzani, "Dead H" and Early Performance Photographs', Milan, IT  
Blum and Poe, 'Tokyo Santa – Santa's Trees', Santa Monica, USA  
La Biennale di Venezia, 'Proposition Propposal' [collaboration with Jason Rhoades], Venice, IT (Travelling Exhibition)  
Kunstbunker Tumulka, 'Paul McCarthy – Mike Kelley Videos 1970-1998', Munich, DE
- 1998 Galerie Krinzinger, 'Painter, Video and Drawings', Vienna, AT  
Luhring Augustine Gallery, 'Photographs-Performance Photographs and Video, 1969-1983', New York, USA (Travelling Exhibition)  
Patrick Painter Inc., 'Photographs-Performance Photographs and Video, 1969-1983', Santa Monica, USA (Travelling Exhibition)  
Secession, 'Sod and Sodie Sock' [collaboration with Mike Kelley], Vienna, AT
- 1997 Hauser & Wirth, 'Santa Chocolate Shop', Zurich, CH
- 1996 Tomio Koyama Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', Tokyo, JP  
Air de Paris, 'Salon', Paris, FR  
Luhring Augustine Gallery, 'Yaa-Hoo', New York, USA  
Galerie Drantmann, 'Video Works', Brussels, BE  
Galleri Nicolai Wallner, 'Video and Drawings', Copenhagen, DK
- 1995 Blum and Poe, '5 Photographic Works, 1970-1974', Santa Monica, USA  
Projects Room, MoMA Museum of Modern Art, 'Painter', New York, USA  
Art and Public, 'Paul McCarthy', Geneva, CH  
Künstlerhaus Bethanien, 'Tomato Head', Berlin, DE  
Galeria Antoni Estrany, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdlemma Tour', Barcelona, ES (Travelling Exhibition)  
Luhring and Augustine, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdlemma Tour', New York, USA (Travelling Exhibition)  
Galleri Nicolai Wallner, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdlemma Tour', Copenhagen, DK (Travelling Exhibition)

- 1995 Esther Schipper Galerie, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdilemma Tour', Cologne, DE (Travelling Exhibition)  
 Studio Guenzani, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdilemma Tour', Milan, IT (Travelling Exhibition)  
 McKinney Art Center, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdilemma Tour', Dallas, USA (Travelling Exhibition)  
 Auckland City Art Gallery, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdilemma Tour', Auckland, NZ (Travelling Exhibition)  
 Oö Landesmuseum, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdilemma Tour', Linz, Austria (Travelling Exhibition)  
 Kunstverein Hamburg, 'Mike Kelley and Paul McCarthy', cur. Stephen Schmitt-Wulffen, Hamburg, DE
- 1994 Air de Paris, 'Pinocchio Pipenose Householdilemma Tour', Paris, FR (Travelling Exhibition)  
 Le Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain Poitou-Charentes, 'Paul McCarthy', Angoulême, France Air de Paris, 'Paul McCarthy', Nice, FR  
 Rosamund Felsen Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles CA Galerie George-Philippe Vallois, 'Paul McCarthy', Paris, FR  
 Studio Guenzani, 'Paul McCarthy', Milan, IT
- 1993 Ynglingagatan I Gallery, 'Video', Stockholm, CH  
 Galerie Krinzinger, 'Paul McCarthy', Vienna, AT  
 Buchholz und Buchholz, 'The Dead Viking', Cologne, DE  
 Luhring Augustine Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', New York, USA
- 1991 Rosamund Felsen Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles, USA
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- 1987 Rosamund Felsen Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles, USA
- 1986 Rosamund Felsen Gallery, 'Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles, USA
- 1985 AAA Art, 'Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles, USA
- 1983 Cirque Divers, 'Paintings', Liège, BE
- 1982 LACE Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, 'Human Object', Los Angeles, USA  
 Exile Gallery, 'Works by Richard Newton & Paul McCarthy', Los Angeles, USA
- 1981 Espace Gallery, 'Objects by Paul McCarthy & Barbara Smith', Los Angeles, USA
- 1979 Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Exhibitions, 'Contemporary Cure All', Los Angeles, USA  
 Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Exhibitions, 'Deadening', Los Angeles, USA