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POPE.L

Born 1955, Newark, NJ

Died 2023, Chicago, IL

Education

1983-1985	Mabou Mines Re.Cher.Chez. Theater Intensive, New York, NY
1979-1981	Mason Gross School, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, M.F.A.
1977-1978	Whitney Museum Independent Studio Program, New York, NY
1975-1978	Montclair State College, Montclair, NJ, B.A.
1973-1975	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

Selected solo and two person exhibitions

2026	"Certainly an Act: Works on Paper by Pope.L," The Drawing Center, New York, NY
2023	"Pope.L: Hospital," South London Gallery, London "Gordon Matta-Clark & Pope.L: Impossible Failures," 52 Walker, New York "Togetherness," de Appel Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2022	"The Ritual Is For All of us," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA "Between A Figure and A Letter," Schinkel Pavillon, Berlin, Germany
2021	"Misconceptions," Portikus Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany "My Kingdom for a Title," Neubauer Collegium, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL "Four Panels," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY "Notations, Holes, and Humour," Modern Art, London, UK
2019	"Pope.L: Instigation, Aspiration, Perspiration," Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Public Art Fund, New York, NY "No thing: Pope.L, Adam Pendleton," Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland "member: Pope.L, 1978-2001," Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY "Pope.L: Choir," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY "Pope.L: Conquest," Public Art Fund, New York, NY
2018	"One thing after another (part two)," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY "One thing after another," La Panacée, Montpellier, France
2017	"Brown People Are the Wrens in the Parking Lot," Logan Center Gallery, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL "Flint Water Project," What Pipeline, Detroit, MI "Proto-Skin Set," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
2016	"Pope.L and Will Boone," Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, NY
2015	"Forest," Susanne Vielmetter, Los Angeles, CA "Desert," Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA "Trinket," The Geffen Contemporary, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
2014	"Gold People Shit In Their Valet," Galerie Catherine Bastide, Brussels

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- "Claim," Littman Gallery, Portland State University, Portland, OR
- 2013 "Cage Unrequited," Soto Vélez Cultural and Educational Center Performa, New York, NY
"Colored Waiting Room," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
"Forlesen," The Renaissance Society, University of Chicago, IL
"A Long White Cloud," Te Tuhi, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2012 "Reenactor," Williams Center Gallery at Lafayette College, Easton, PA; traveled to
Hodgepodge Building on Strawberry Alley, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
"Three Projects," Galerie Catherine Bastide, Brussels, Belgium
- 2011 "Child," Eastside Projects, Birmingham, UK
- 2010 "landscape + object + animal," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
"color isn't matter," Samson Projects, Boston, MA
- 2009 "The Black Factory," Art Projects Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami, FL
"Corbu Pops," Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
"William Pope.L," Kenny Schachter ROVE, London, UK
"Yard (to harrow)," Hauser + Wirth, New York, NY
- 2008 "October Projects," «GreetingLine» New York, NY
"Animal Nationalism: Small Cup," Grand Arts, Kansas City, MO; "Animal Nationalism:
Trinket," Exhibition Hall at Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, MO
"Biting Through Innocence," Galerie Catherine Bastide, Brussels, Belgium
- 2007 "Drawing, Dreaming, Drowning," The Art Institute of Chicago, IL
"Art After White People: time, trees, & celluloid...", Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica,
CA
"William Pope.L: snow, spraypaint, hair, sperm & baloney," Kenny Schachter ROVE, London, UK
"William Pope.L: The Black Factory and Other Good Works," Yerba Buena Center for the
Arts, San Francisco, CA
"The Void Show," MC Kunst, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 "Condoleezza Rice Day," Galleria Civica, Trento, Italy
"Trophy Room," Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria
"Under All, Above Most," University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- 2005 "some things you can do with blackness....," Kenny Schachter ROVE, London, UK
"Props & Propositions," Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH
- 2004 "Five Ways to Say the Same Sadness," University Art Museum, University at Albany, NY
"eRacism: electronica," Contemporary Art Museum St Louis, St. Louis, MO
"reFunk: prints & dvds," The Project, New York, NY
"eRacism," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; Artists Space, New York, NY;
DiverseWorks, Houston, TX (2003); Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, OR
(2003); ICA at Maine College of Art, Portland, ME (2002)
- 2003 "Foddah," Drew University, Madison, NJ
"Some: Of Place and Desire," ArtHouse, Austin, TX
- 2002 "What's Inside a Boy," The Project, Los Angeles, CA
"Incontinent," Wood Street Gallery, Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA

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- 2001 "Hole Theory," The Project, New York, NY
- 2000 "eRacism: White Room," ThreadWaxing Space, New York, NY
"The Hole Inside The Space Inside Yves Klein's Asshole," Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
"Eating The Wall Street Journal And Other Current Consumptions," Mobius, Boston, MA
- 1998 "Recent Work," The Project, New York, NY
- 1996 "Buddy Performance Objects," with Jim Calder, Touchstone Theater, Bethlehem, PA
- 1993 "William Pope.L," Horodner Romley Gallery, New York, NY
- 1992 "William Pope.L," Drew University, Madison, NJ.
- 1991 "How Much is that Nigger in the Window," 30 performances, writings and installations, Franklin Furnace, New York, NY

Selected group exhibitions

- 2025 "ECHO DELAY REVERB: American Art, Francophone Thought," Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
- 2024 "When You See Me: Visibility in Contemporary Art/History," Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
"About the Absurd Drama, That is Also Life," Moderna Museet Malmö, Malmö, Sweden
"Hindsight Insight 4.0: Portraits, Landscapes, and Abstraction from the UNM Art Museum," The University of New Mexico Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM
8th Yokohama Triennale, Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama, Japan
"Body Maps: Works from the University at Albany Fine Art Collections in Conversation with Past Exhibiting Artists," University Art Museum, Albany, NY
"The sun still rises in spite of everything," Davidson College Art Galleries, Davidson, NC
- 2023 "Artist's Choice: Grace Wales Bonner – Spirit Movers" Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
"The Irreplaceable Human," Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
"Irradiation Illusion, with Mary Ann Aitken, Olga Benedict, Will Benedict, Pope.L," What Pipeline, Detroit, MI
"Someone is getting rich," Tropen Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
"This Machine Creates Opacities" Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
"Chopped & Screwed" White Cube, New York, NY
"Perpetual Portrait" Susanne Vielmetter Projects, Los Angeles, CA
"True Love sometimes requires a little lying," Cooper Brovenick, New York, NY
"Works on Paper: 100 Years" Amanita Gallery, New York, NY with Wardrobe: Curatorial AIRspace Resident Exhibition 2022-23, Abrons Art Center, New York, NY
- 2022 "STREET LIFE," Wilhelm Hack Museum, Stadtverwaltung Ludwigshafen, Bereich Kultur
"Phraseology," The Bass, Miami, FL
"Us Them We: Race, Ethnicity, Identity" Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA WALK!, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
"When I State That I Am An Anarchist" PLATO Ostrava, Ostrava, Czechia
"Black Melancholia" Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

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- 2021
- "Transformed: Objects Reimagined by American Artists," Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
 - "The Principle of Hope," Beijing Inside-Out Art Museum, Beijing, China
 - "Oehlen, Pendleton, Pope.L, Sillman," Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany
 - "The Paradox of Stillness: Art, Object, and Performance," Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
 - "A Shared Body" FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
 - "Zeros and Ones" KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany
 - "'Everyone Is an Artist' Cosmopolitical Exercises with Joseph Beuys," Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany
 - "Push Over, Push Back," CCS Bard Galleries, Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-OnHudson, New York
 - "The Holding Environment," Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany
 - "Climate Changing: On Artists Institutions, and the Social Environment," Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH
 - "K as in knight," Helena Anrather, New York, NY
 - "Dave McKenzie: The Story I tell Myself," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
 - "Old Growth – New Decay," Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University, Orange, CA
- 2020
- "Stayin' Alive," ANOTHER SPACE, New York, NY
 - Dallas Biennial, Dallas, TX
 - "Singles," Regards Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - "Dial World, Part II: Stars of Everything," David Lewis Gallery, New York, NY
 - "Drawing 2020," Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY
 - "Wrecked Alphabet," Broodthaers Society of America, New York, NY
 - "Citizenship: A Practice of Society," MCA Denver, Denver, CO
 - "VALUE(S) – A 21st Century Portrait of Banking and Finance," Museum Van Loon, Amsterdam
 - "20 Years: Anniversary Exhibition," Vielmetter Los Angeles, CA
 - "CONSTRUÇÃO," Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil
 - "Rituals of Regard and Recollection," Law Warschaw Gallery, Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN
 - "Climate Change," Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH
- 2019
- "Water After Fall," Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
 - "Direct Message: Art, Language, and Power," Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
 - "Great Force," Institute for Contemporary Art, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
 - "Counter-Landscapes: Performative Actions from the 1970s – Now," Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ
 - "Small Talk," Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
 - "Elements of Vogue (A case of radical performance)," Museo Universitario del Chopo, Mexico City
 - "Embodiment," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
 - "Mask: In Present Day," Aargauer Kunsthau, Aarau, Switzerland
 - "Crossroads: Carnegie Museum of Art's Collection: 1945 to Now," Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
 - "The Foundation of the Museum: MOCA's Collection," The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA, Los Angeles, CA
 - "EBSPLOITATION," Martos Gallery, New York, NY
 - "Prisoner of Love," Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
 - "Men of Steel, Women of Wonder: Modern American Heroes in Contemporary Times," Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AK; an Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX; Addison Gallery of American Art in Andover, MA
 - "DREAMWEAVERS," UTA Artist Space, Beverly Hill, CA

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- "From Theory to Practice: Trajectories of the Whitney," University Hall Gallery, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
"Political Affairs – Language Is Not Innocent," Kunstverein in Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
- 2018
- "Other Walks, Other Lines," San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
"Rubbish and Dreams: the Genderqueer Performance Art of Stephen Varble," Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, New York, NY
"Becoming American," San Juan Island, WA
"Cheeky: Summer Butts," Marinaro Gallery, New York, NY
"Other Mechanisms," Association of Visual Artists Vienna Secession, Vienna, Austria
"Agora," The Highline, New York, NY
"Talisman in the Age of Difference," Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
"The Enemy of My Enemy," Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
"Wanderlust: Actions, Traces, and Journeys 1967-2017," Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA
"Against the Architecture," Refectoire des Nonnes, Lyon, France
"Black Pulp!" organized by William Villalongo and Mark Gibson," African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA; Edgewood Gallery, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT (2016); International Print Center New York, New York, NY (2016)
"Counternarratives: Performance and Actions in Public Space," Decker Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
"Learning from the Land and the Water," LookOut! Gallery, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
"Walking Point," Greene Naftali, New York, NY
"20/20: Influential Artists of the 20th Century," Mott-Warsh Collection, Flint, MI
"Reclamation! Pan-African Works from the Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection," The Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA
"AMERICAN AFRICAN AMERICAN," Phillips Auction House, New York, NY
- 2017
- "Elements of Vogue: A Case Study in Radical Performance," Centro de Arte Dos de Mayo, Madrid, Spain
"Mechanisms," Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco, CA
"ICA Collections: New Acquisitions," ICA Boston, Boston, MA
"Active Ingredients: Prompts, Props, Performance," Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts
"If Not Apollo, the Breeze," KADIST, San Francisco, CA
"Survey Exhibition (Part I): Camerado, this is no book," Pratt Institute, New York, NY Documenta 14, Athens, Greece; Kassel, Germany
Whitney Biennial, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
"Wanderlust: Actions, Traces, and Journey," UB Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa
"Person of the Crowd: The Contemporary Art of Flânerie," Roberts Gallery, Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
"Punching Up," Richard and Dolly Maass Gallery, Purchase College, State University of New York, Purchase, New York
- 2016
- "The Spot," Museum of Modern Art Warsaw, Poland
"Live Uncertainly," The 32nd Bienal de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
"The Public Body," Artspace, Sydney, Australia
"Blackness in Abstraction," Pace Gallery, New York, NY
"Less Than One," Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
"Body Superficial," Sgorbati Projects, New York, NY

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- 2015 "Identity," Pierogi, Brooklyn, NY
"(Counter)Public Art, Intervention, & Performance in Lower Manhattan from 1978-1993," Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, New York, NY
"TOWER," Ibid, London, United Kingdom
"Mashup," Sotheby's S|2 Gallery, New York, NY
"Works on Paper," Greene Naftali, New York, NY
- 2014 "Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art," Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; Grey Art Gallery, New York, NY (2013); The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY (2013); Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston TX (2012)
"CON/TEXT," Lynch Tham, New York, NY
"Days Inn," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
"Itinerant Belongings," Addams Gallery, University of Pennsylvania and Slought Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
"Pierogi XX," Twentieth Anniversary Exhibition, Pierogi, Brooklyn, NY
"Poor Working Conditions," Martos Gallery, New York, NY
"Ruffneck Constructivists," Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
"30 Americans - The Rubell Family Collection," Frist Center for Visual Arts, Nashville, TN; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC (2013); North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC (2013); Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA (2012); Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC (2011); North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC (2011); The Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL (2008)
"Warm Side of Zero," Overduin & Co, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 "African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center," Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH; The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts + Culture, Charlotte, NC; Akron Museum, Akron OH; University of Maryland, College Park, MD (2012)
"Blues for Smoke," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; The Geffen Contemporary at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Los Angeles, CA (2012)
"Body Language," Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
"Burying the Lede," Momena Art, Brooklyn, NY
"Against the Grain: Wood in Contemporary Craft and Design, curated by Lowery Stokes Sims," Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY
"Cliff and Better," Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
"The Eleventh Hour," DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
Galerie Catherine Bastide booth at Frieze Art Fair NYC, New York, NY
"Hello Goodbye Thank You, Again, and Again, and Again," Castillo/Corrales, Paris, France
"Incognito 2013," Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
"Kaboom! Comics in Art," Weserburg Museum of Modern Art, Bremen, Germany Pull! Reading Room, SPACES, Cleveland, OH
- 2012 "Fax," University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI; DeVos Art Museum, Marquette, MI; Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY; Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT; San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery, San Francisco, CA; Apex Gallery, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, SD (2011); Saint Paul Street Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand (2011); Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2011); South London Gallery, London, UK (2011); Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN (2011); Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA (2010); Plug In ICA, Winnipeg, MB, Canada (2010);

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- Barnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada (2010); Para/Site Art Space, Hong Kong, China (2010); Dowd Gallery, State University of New York, Cortland, NY (2010); Museu de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico City, Mexico (2010); New Galerie, Paris, France (2010); The Drawing Center, New York, NY (2009); Contemporary Museum, Baltimore, MD (2009)
"Wall Text," Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
"superHUMAN," Central Utah Art Center, Ephraim, Utah; traveling to Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
- 2011 "After Images," Musee Juif de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium
"Another Kind of Vapor," White Flag Projects, St. Louis, MO
"The Bearden Project," The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
"D'un Autre Monde," Le Printemps de Septembre – à Toulouse, contemporary art festival, Toulouse, France
"Göteborg International Biennial for Contemporary Art (GIBCA)," Röda Sten Art Centre, Göteborg, Sweden
"History of Disappearance: Live Art from New York 1975 – Present," Photolreland Festival, Dublin, Ireland; Laznia Center, Gdansk, Poland
"Inti," On Stellar Rays, New York, NY
"The Painting Show," Eastside Projects, Birmingham, UK
"Prospect.2 New Orleans," New Orleans, LA
- 2010 The 2010 DeCordova Biennial, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA
"At Home/Not At Home: Works from the Collection of Martin and Rebecca Eisenberg," Hessel Museum of Art, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
"History of Disappearance: Live Art from New York 1975 – Present," Arhus Kunstbygning, Arhus, Denmark
"The Last Newspaper," New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
"The Process Show," 37-A Gallery, Portland, ME
"Resurrectine," Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York, NY
"Slightly Unbalanced," Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art, Richmond, VA; Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV (2009); Rodman Hall Arts Center, St. Catharines, ON, Canada (2009); Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette, LA (2009); Museum London, London, ON, Canada (2009)
- 2009 "Allan Kaprow YARD (to Harrow)," Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY
"30 Seconds Off an Inch," The Studio Museum in Harlem, NY
"Self as Disappearance," Centre d'Art Contemporain, La Synagogue de Delme, Delme, France
"Broken Thorn Sweet Blackberry," Sikkema Jenkins & Co, New York, NY
"Carnival Within – An Exhibition Made in America," Uferhallen, Berlin, Germany
"Collected: Propositions on the Permanent Collection," The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
"Pour," installation at the Botanical Gardens, Art Projects at Art Basil Miami Beach, Mitchell-Innes & Nash in collaboration with Galerie Catherine Bastide, Miami Beach, FL
"Summer Exhibition," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
"Trouble at the Front (Troubles aux Frontières)," Galerie Marian Goodman, Paris, France
- 2008 "Paul Thek: In the Contexts of Today's Contemporary Art (PART TWO)," Sammlung Falkenburg, Hamburg, Germany
"Black Is, Black Ain't," The Renaissance Society at University of Chicago, IL
"Brainwave: Common Sense," Exit Art, New York, NY
"Criminal: Art and Criminal Justice in America," The International Center for the Arts at San Francisco State University, CA
"Disinhibition: Black Art and Blue Humor," Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

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- "History of Disappearance: Live Art from New York 1975 – Present," Sydney Underground Film Festival, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney, Australia
"Informal Architectures (Pt. 2)," Winnipeg, CA
"Mergers and Acquisitions," Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA
"Retail Value," Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY
- 2007
- "Port City: On Mobility and Exchange," Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
"History of Disappearance: Live Art from New York 1975 – Present," Centro Cultural Palacio La Moneda, Santiago, Chile
"Keeping Up With the Joneses," Schroeder Romero, New York, NY
"New York – States of Mind," House of World Culture, Berlin, Germany; Queens Museum of Art, Queens, NY
"Paul Thek: In the Context of Today's Contemporary Art," ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
"Situation Comedy: Humor in Recent Art," Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, FL
"Informal Architectures," The Banff Centre, Banff, AB, Canada
"Get Lost," New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
"Conceptual Paper," Arndt & Partner, Zurich, Switzerland
"Plug," Sister Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
"Silicone Valley," PS-1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY
- 2006
- "South Bronx Contemporary: Longwood 25th Anniversary," Longwood Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
"A Noir, E Blanc, I Rouge, U Vert, O Bleu: Farben," Kunstmuseum Kloster Unser Lieben Frauen, Magdeburg, Germany
"History of Disappearance: Live Art from New York 1975 – Present," Galleria Neon, Milan, Italy; MANmuseum at the Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, UK
"Shed Piece," Frieze Art Fair, London
7e Biennale de l'Art Africaine Contemporaine, Dakar, Senegal
"Civil Restitutions," Thomas Dane Gallery, London
"Newark Between Us," 744 Gallery/Newark Arts Council, Newark, NJ
"Stories," Santa Fe Art Institute, Santa Fe, NM
"Situation Comedy," Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada; Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
"Skowhegan at 60," Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, ME
"Humor Me," H & R Block Artspace, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
"Relics and Remnants," Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, New York, NY
"Dreaming of a More Better Future," Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH
- 2005
- "Hero," Center for Contemporary Arts, Santa Fe, NM
"History of Disappearance: Live Art from New York 1975 – Present," Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK
"Incognito," Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
"Looking at Words: The Formal Use of Text in Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper," Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, NY
"Moving Collection: Body-Con," Tactical Museum at Nadiiff, Tokyo, Japan
"Reverse Engineers," Carnegie Art Center, North Towanda, NY
"Landmark," Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland, OR
"RAPSIDA," Gallery 138, New York, NY
"Double Consciousness," Museum of Contemporary Arts Houston, Houston, TX
"Situation Comedy," Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, HI
"Decarie," Saidye Bronfman Center for the Arts, Montreal, Canada
"Defense," Sweeney Art Gallery, University of California, Riverside, CA

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- 2004 "The Interventionists: Art in the Social Sphere," MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
"Watch What We Say," Schroeder Romero, Brooklyn, NY
"The Big Nothing," Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
"5 x 7 Exhibition," Art House Gallery, Austin, TX
"Harlem Postcards: Spring 2004," The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
"Romantic Detachment," PS-1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY
"Brown v. Board of Education 1954-2004," Gallery 138, New York, NY
"Republican Like Me," Parlour Projects, Brooklyn, NY
"Moving Collection: Body-Con," Fukui Prefectural Museum of Art, Fukui, Japan
"Reverse Engineers," Herndon Gallery, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH
"Only Skin Deep," International Center for Photography, New York, NY
- 2003 "Moving Collection: Body-Con," Wanakio Festival, Naha, Okinawa, Japan
"distillation," Fylkingen, Stockholm, Sweden
"In Heat," Pierogi 2000, Brooklyn, NY
"Motion Studies," Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, New York, NY
"White," Bill Maynes Gallery, New York, NY
"Ameri©an Dre@m," Ronald Feldman Fine Arts Gallery, New York, NY
- 2002 "Art & Outrage," Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
"Wallow," The Project, New York, NY
Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
"Reactions," Exit Art Gallery, New York, NY
"Moving Collection: Body-Con," Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New Zealand
- 2001 "Video Jam," Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art, Palm Beach, FL
- 2000 "Pix," Lance Fung Gallery, New York, NY
"Friendships in Arcadia: Writers and Artists at Yaddo in the 90s," Art in General, New York, NY;
The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, NY
"Söma Söma Söma," Sculpture Center, New York, NY
- 1999 "Out of Actions," Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan; Museu d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain
"The History of the Future," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"Paradise 8," Exit Art, New York, NY
- 1998 "warming," The Project, New York, NY
"Out of Actions," Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; MAK, Vienna, Austria
"Apocalypse Now," HERE Art Gallery, New York, NY
"Freedom, Liberation and Change: Revisiting 1968," Longwood Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
"A Negro Sleeps Beneath the Susquehanna," Hide and Seek Residency, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
"Peek," HERE Art Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 "Available Culture," HERE Art Gallery, New York, NY
"Birdhouses," Robin Hutchins Gallery, Maplewood, NJ
"Birds of a Feather," Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
"Habitat for Humanity: (bird)Houses," New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ
"Out on a Limb," Midland Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 1996 "Exquisite Corpse," Danforth Gallery, Portland, ME

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- 1995 "Art in the USA since 1950," Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, NY
"Dysfunctional Art," Tompkins Cove Art Center/Hudson Arts at Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"Outside The Frame: Performance & the Object: A Survey History of Performance"
"Satellite Choice: Young Curators Explore Diversity," Artists Space, New York, NY
- 1994 "Art in the USA since 1950," Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH
"Outside The Frame: Performance & the Object: A Survey History of Performance"
"The Return of the Cadavre Exquis," Santa Monica Museum of Art (SMMOA), Santa Monica, CA:
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Forum for Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO; American
Center, Paris, France
- 1993 "The Return of the Cadavre Exquis," Drawing Center, New York, NY
"Transient Décor," Roger Smith Hotel, New York, NY
"Various Objects," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 1991 "Looking for Aunt Jenny," Art in General, New York, NY
- 1990 "Action and Artifact," Weatherspoon Gallery at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC
- 1985 "Post-Modern Icons," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
- 1984 "Found Language," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"Radical Culture," Fashion Moda Gallery, Bronx, NY
- 1983 "Rutgers Invitational," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Selected performances and screenings

- 2019 "Conquest," Public Art Fund, New York, NY
"An Evening with Ralph Lemon and Pope.L," Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2018 "The Escape," The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 "Shopping Crawl," Social Services, Artists Space, New York, NY
- 2016 "The Escape," The Drawing Center, New York, NY
"Baile," 32nd Biennial de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
"The Problem," Art Basel Unlimited, Basel, Switzerland
- 2015 "The Beautiful," Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami, FL
"Cage Unrequited," MCA Live, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL
- 2014 "Media Replication Services, with Caroline Bergvall, Lisa Gitelman, and William Pope.L,"
facilitated by Triple Canopy, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
"Costume Made of Nothing," Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
"Mercier and Camier," Portland State University, Portland, OR
- 2013 "Pull," SPACES, Cleveland, OH
"Burying the Blues," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
"Cage Unrequited," Performa-13: Three Duets, Seven Variations, at Soto Velez, New York, NY

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- 2012 "Costume Made of Nothing," Contemporary Art Museum Houston, Houston, TX
"Firing Squad," Grizedale Arts, Frieze Art Fair, London, UK
"A Personal History of Curation," Case Study: William Pope.L Interprets Fluxkit, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, NY
- 2011 "Blink," Prospect.2, New Orleans, LA
"Göteborg Crawl," Röda Sten Art Centre, Göteborg, Sweden
"Paste," Flux This!, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, NY
- 2010 "Cusp," Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY
"Cusp (Kafka version)," Foire Internationale d'Art Contemporain (FIAC), Paris, France
"Eating the Wall Street Journal (new millennium version)," New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
- 2009 "Corbu Pop Singers," Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
"ET," Haverford College, Haverford, PA
"The Great White Way: 22 Miles, 9 Years, 1 Street," New York, NY
"The Storage Room," Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA
- 2007 "In the Cabin," House of World Cultures (Haus der Kulturen der Welt), Berlin, Germany
"Holiday/Dovolená," Prague Quadrennial, Prague, Czech Republic
"Black Elvis with Black Object Collection," Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA), San Francisco, CA
"141 Demands for a Better World," Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA), San Francisco, CA
"Under the Milk," Watermill Center, Watermill, NY
- 2006 "Condoleezza Rice Day," Galleria Civica, Trento, Italy
"In the Cabin! Mobius at Midway Theater," Midway Theater, Boston, MA
"The Black Factory," various venues, USA
"Poor Piece," Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM
"Singing the House," MIT, Boston, MA
"Santa Fe Group Crawl," Santa Fe, NM
"Before You Can Walk: Crawl," Santa Fe Art Institute, Center for Contemporary Arts, Institute for American Indian Arts, Santa Fe Public Schools Adelante Program, and the New Mexico Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM
"The Yeti and the Case for Contemporary Photography," Kenny Schachter ROVE booth at Art Cologne International Art Fair, Cologne, Germany
- 2005 "White Room #4: Wittgenstein and My Brother Frank," Kenny Schachter ROVE, London, UK
"Bringing the Decarie to the Mountain (group crawl)," Montreal, Canada
"The Black Factory," various venues, USA
"The Yeti and the Case for Contemporary Photography," Cologne Art Fair, Germany
"Angel-Vision," Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead Quays, UK
- 2004 "White Room #2: Moby Dick," Roosevelt Island lighthouse, New York, NY
"White Room #3: Music Appreciation," PS-1, Queens, NY
"Negarkuisse Part 2," House of World Cultures, Berlin, Germany
"Negarkuisse Part 1," House of World Cultures, Berlin, Germany
"The Black Factory," various venues, USA
"Cleveland Free Clinic Crawl," Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH
"The Great White Way: 22 Miles, 7 Years, 1 Street," New York, NY

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- 2003 "Anglo-Vision," Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI; Mobius, Boston, MA
"Coon." Cinema Texas, University of Texas at Austin and Arthouse, Austin, TX
"Candy Mountain," Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, OR
"Freedman's Town to Enron City (Houston group crawl)," DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
- 2002 "The Great White Way: 22 Miles, 9 Years, 1 Street," New York, NY
"eRacism," Portland Stage Company, Portland, ME
"Portland," Maine Crawl, Portland, ME
"a MORE," Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
"In-Continents," Wood Street Galleries, Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA
"Pall Mall," The Project, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 "I Love Japan," Tokyo, Japan
"Shopping Crawl," Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan
"Bringing the Homeless Back to Shinjuku," Shinjuku Station, Tokyo, Japan
"Distributingmartin," Multiple locations, New York, NY
"The Great White Way: 22 Miles, 5 Years, 1 Street," Whitney Biennial 2002, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 2000 "eRacism," ThreadWaxing Space, New York, NY
"Eating the Wall Street Journal," The Sculpture Center, New York, NY
"Selling My Grandmother," Yard Sale, New York City Lab School, New York, NY
"Boston Commons Crawl," Boston School of Fine Art, Boston, MA
"The Hole Inside The Space Inside Yves Klein's Asshole," Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- 1999 "The Black Body and Sport," Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Budapest, Hungary; Madrid, Spain
"The White Mountain (Wonder Bread)," Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY
"My Niagra #3 (Paint)," Los Angeles, CA
"Raymond (version 2)," Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
"The Buddy Performance," With Jim Calder, HERE Performance Space, New York, NY
"I Am Still Black," Mail art postcard series, multiple recipients
"Milk Pour," New York, NY
- 1998 "My Niagra #2 (Bed)," The Project, New York, NY
"My Niagra #1 (Paint)," Fells Point, Baltimore, MD
"A Negro Sleeps Beneath the Susquehanna," Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
"Eracism (version 8)," 7alld Festival, Toronto, Canada
"The Buddy Performance," With Jim Calder, University of the South, Seawane, TN
"Thunderbird Immolation," Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 1997 "ATM Piece," 42nd Street, New York, NY
"Sweet Desire," Maine Arts Festival, Brunswick, ME
"Eracism," Mobius, Boston, MA
"Raymond," Galapagos, Brooklyn, NY
- 1996 "Sweet Desire," Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
"Member," Harlem, New York, NY
"The Buddy Performance," With Jim Calder, HERE Performance Space, New York, NY; Touchstone Theater, Bethlehem, PA
"Eracism (version #7)," With Michelle Hendricks and band, Ko Performance Festival, Amherst College, Amherst, MA
"Eracism (version #7a)," With Bryn Manion and band, Performance Art, Culture, and

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- "Pedagogy Symposium," Penn State University, University Park, PA
"Member (a.k.a. Schlong Journey)," 125th Street, Harlem, New York, NY
"Raymond," Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 1995 "The Buddy Performance," With Jim Calder, Ko Theater Festival, Amherst College, Amherst, MA; PS 122, New York, NY
"Eracism (version #5)," Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, NY
"My Penis is Fine How are You?" Mail art postcard series, multiple recipients
- 1994 "Black Domestic a.k.a. Roach Motel Black." New York, NY
"Eracism (version #4)," Cleveland Performance Art Festival, Cleveland, OH
"The Buddy Performance," With Jim Calder, Franklin Furnace in Exile, PS 122, New York, NY
- 1993 "A House is a Home with a Hole in the Middle," Olney neighborhood, hosted through Cosa Cosa, Philadelphia, PA
"I Get Paid to Rub Mayo on my Body (version #2)," Roger Smith Hotel, New York, NY
"Eracism (version #3)," Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo, NY
"Eracism (version #2)," Drew University, Madison, NJ
"Eracism (version #4a, with golf demo)," Yellow Springs Institute, Chester Springs, PA
"Raymond," Horodner Romley Gallery, New York, NY
- 1992 "Eracism (version #1)," Downtown Art, New York, NY
"Levitating the Magnesia," Horodner Romley Gallery, New York, NY
"The Vulture Speaks," Touchstone Theater, Bethlehem, PA; CoMotion Theater, Lancaster, PA; Downtown Art, New York, NY
"White Baby (or How Much is that Nigger in the Window)," Cleveland Performance Art Festival, Cleveland, OH
- 1991 "The Aunt Jenny Chronicles," With Johnny Brooks, Lydia Grey, John Patterson, and Richard Robinson, PS 122, New York, NY
"How Much Is That Nigger In The Window a.k.a. Eating the Wall Street Journal (street version)," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"How Much Is That Nigger In The Window a.k.a. I Get Paid to Rub Mayo on my Body," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"How Much Is That Nigger In The Window a.k.a. Selling Mayonnaise," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"How Much Is That Nigger In The Window a.k.a. Suck Harder," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"How Much Is That Nigger In The Window a.k.a. Times Square Crawl," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"How Much Is That Nigger In The Window a.k.a. Writing/Sleeping/Living on the Flag," Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"The Public Life of the secret Writer," Philadelphia Mythos Festival, hosted through Cosa Cosa, Philadelphia, PA
- 1990 "Egg Eating Contest or How Much is that Nigger in the Window," The Fringe Series, BACA Downtown Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY; Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA; Dixon Place, New York, NY; Cone Art Gallery at Weatherspoon Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC; Cleveland Performance Art Festival, Cleveland, OH; Painted Bride Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA; Knitting Factory, New York, NY; Movement Research, New York, NY
- 1989 "George is in the Lake," With Ledlie Borgerhoff, Jim Calder (director), Carl Schnedeker, and others, Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"The Nigger and the Narcissus," Cleveland Performance Art Festival, Cleveland, OH

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- "Mindhouse, a.k.a. Anxiety Speaks," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
"Uncle Remus in Hell," With Joe Daly, Barbara Hiesiger, Carl Schnedeker, and Melinda Levokove, WFMU, Upsala College, East Orange, NJ; WBAI, New York, NY; WKNJ, Kean College, Union, NJ; WZSC, San Francisco, CA; CKLN, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada; WERU, East Orland, ME
- 1988 "Anna and Paul," With Lydia Grey (director), Diane Petruzzelli, Ursula R. (musician), and Gordon Smith, Chameleon Bar, New York, NY
"At the Foot of the Grenade," With Jim Calder and Joe Daly, Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
- 1987 "Anna and Paul," With Bill Castle, Catherine Coray (director), and Holly Hughes, BACA Downtown Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY; Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
"Gen. George at Valley Forge," With Jessie Allen, Ledlie Borgerhoff, Joe Daly, Barbara Hiesiger, Tom Miller, and others, Longwood Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
"LocoMotives," With Tesla Linkum Theater Collective (Ledlie Borgerhoff, Jim Calder, Catherine Coray, Joe Daly, Tom Miller (music), and others), PS 122, New York, NY
"Opie in the Desert," Chameleon Bar, New York, NY
"Warrior Ant," Assistant Director to Lee Breur, Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York, NY
- 1986 "Okee-La-Homa," With Tesla Linkum Theater Collective, Fringe Festival, BACA Downtown Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY
"8 Part Soap Opera (sections 1, 2, 5A, and 7)," With Ledlie Borgerhoff, Jim Calder, and Tom Miller (music), Tweed Gallery, New York, NY; Re.Cher.Chez, New York, NY; BACA Downtown Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY; WFMU, Upsala College, East Orange, NJ; Franklin Furnace, New York, NY; Folk City, New York, NY
- 1985 "Christ and Freedom," With Lydia Grey and Kathleen Smith, Art Galex, New York, NY
- 1984 "At the Foot of the Grenade," With Jim Calder and Joe Daly, International Mime and Movement Festival, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV
- 1983 "Anxiety Speaks," American Dreams Festival, Just Above Midtown, New York, NY
"Okee-La-Homa," With Tesla Linkum Theater Collective, Re.Cher.Chez, New York, NY
"Loco-Motives," With Tesla Linkum Theater Collective, Re.Cher.Chez, New York, NY
- 1982 "First Soap Opera (with butter)," Mason Gross School of the Arts graduation, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 1981 "Naked Plains," With Joni Harmon and Barbara Seyda, Anthology Film Archives, New York, NY
- 1978 "Meditation Square Pieces a.k.a. Gutter Pieces a.k.a. Times Square Crawl," New York, NY
"Meditation Square Pieces a.k.a. Gutter Pieces a.k.a. Thunderbird Immolation," New York, NY
"Meditation Square Pieces a.k.a. Gutter Pieces a.k.a. Singing in the Rain," New York, NY
- 1977 "Happening," Montclair State College, Montclair, NJ
"Jon Wayne," Band, with Brian McCormack, Ellen LaForge, Franc Palaia, and Steve Davison, Multiple venues, through 1983

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Ko Performance Festival Residency, Amherst College, Amherst, MA
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Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY