

A BOOK AFFAIR #8
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Karl Wirsum

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7:30 pm

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Please join us for an exhibition of archival ephemera, posters, artists' books, zines, lithographs and films by American artist Karl Wirsum. Born in 1939, Wirsum was a member of 'Hairy Who' a group of Chicago artists who decided to join forces and exhibit together in the 1960's. Their work was characterized by a graphic sensibility, intensity of colour, movement and a sense of humour often expressed through wordplay, puns and inside jokes. Sourcing his material from everyday life- advertisements, comics, posters, but also influenced by Japanese prints, blues music and pre-Colombian art- Wirsum created a figurative vocabulary of zany characters in imaginary scenarios.

The exhibition is realized in
collaboration with Andreas Melas.