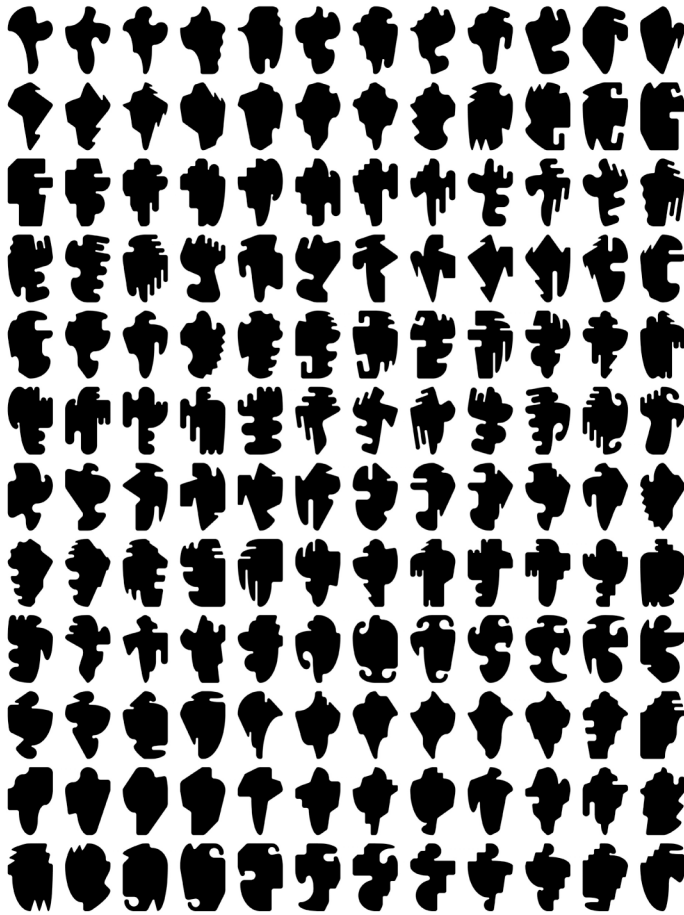


Shapes for Hamilton unique experience

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HAMILTON, NY — Over the past several years, artist Allan McCollum has designed a system to produce a series of unique two-dimensional “shapes” sufficient to create an individual shape for every person on the planet; it also allows him to keep a precise inventory, so as to ensure that no two will ever be alike, that no two people will ever share the same shape. On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Shapes for Hamilton comes to the Clifford Gallery at Colgate University and will offer a personal shape to every resident of the town. An earlier sequence of McCollum’s projects explored ways in which people construct and identify themselves and their communities with emblems and symbols, based on local traditions, regional history and geological and geographical distinctions. Shapes for Hamilton, like Shapes for Maine (2008) combines this earlier work with the Shapes Project by creating a set of unique shapes for every resident of the geo-political

entity of the Town of Hamilton, a singular community-wide collaboration between the artists and town residents, the town board and students, staff and faculty of Colgate University. The Shapes will be produced, catalogued and then brought together for a brief exhibition at the Clifford Gallery. Most importantly, the Shapes will then be distributed at a series of events located at various venues in the Town of Hamilton, without obligation, to every town resident. Each person will be entitled to their own shape, provided free of charge and signed by McCollum. The Shapes for Hamilton lecture and presentation will be Feb. 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Golden Auditorium, Little Hall. The exhibition will run March 8-31 at the Clifford Gallery with distribution events April 1-10, with locations to be announced.