

## ***SHAPES FOR HAMILTON***

Here are some pictures of the *Shapes for Hamilton* project. With the help of a small grant from Colgate University, I was able to make 6000+ unique *Shapes* prints, one for each resident of the township of Hamilton, in upstate New York. The project began when I was invited by DeWitt Godfrey, professor at the University, to design a project for the art department, as an artist-in-residence. I suggested challenging the students to figure out how to print out 6000+ of the *Shapes* prints (equal to the approximate population of the township), each unique, for me to sign and date, and to then to create a distribution system and a promotional scheme to involve the whole town. With the expert help of the department's Visual Resources Curator Jesse Henderson, the students formed committees of volunteers and did it! With DeWitt's general supervision and creative input, Jesse developed the database into which she cataloged the shapes for Hamilton, outlined the workflow required to produce each print, and managed both the gallery installation and the distribution; Mark Williams, art studio technician, helped devise a methodology to get the Shapes into a printable format; and prepress technician Michael Holobosky, from the campus document services, managed the printing. Following a four-week exhibition of the prints in the school's Clifford Gallery, four different public community events were organized by the art students, at different locations in the township over a period of two weeks, to distribute the prints to the local residents. As of April 22, 2010, 1939 Shapes prints found their homes with 1939 residents. Future distribution events have been planned, as time goes by, with a cut-off date yet to be determined!

Allan McCollum'  
2010

# Shapes for Hamilton

**Creating Art  
Celebrating Community  
One Shape at a Time**

**Exhibition:**  
**The Clifford Gallery, Little Hall**  
**March 8 through March 31, 2010**  
cliffordgallery.org

**Opening Reception:**  
**March 10, 4:30 – 6:30 pm**

## **Come Discover Your Shape**

*The Shapes Project* is a system developed by the artist Allan McCollum that can generate 31,000,000,000 unique two-dimensional "shapes" more than enough for every person on the planet. *Shapes for Hamilton* will produce an individual shape for each resident of the Town of Hamilton, New York, including Colgate students — a community-wide collaboration between the artist, the townspeople and the students, staff and faculty of Colgate University. At the conclusion of the project — which includes an exhibition of the complete set of the nearly 6000 shapes at Colgate's Clifford Gallery — each resident will be invited, without obligation, to collect their own shape provided free of charge and signed by the artist.

To find out more about *Shapes for Hamilton* please contact Angela Kowalski (akowalski@colgate.edu) or visit <http://artsinstitute.colgate.edu>. All events are free and open to the public.

**Registration Open!**  
For details visit  
[www.shapesforhamilton.org](http://www.shapesforhamilton.org)

**April 3–4 and 10–11**  
**Shapes Distribution Events in the Villages of Hamilton, Poolville and Earlville, exact times and locations to be determined.**

Allan McCollum is the 2010 Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Distinguished Artist-in-Residence in the Department of Art and Art History; additional support for *Shapes for Hamilton* comes from the ICPA at Colgate University.

**The ICPA at Colgate University**  
**Hamilton, New York**

# The Shapes Project

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Discover Your Shape at the  
Clifford Gallery through March 31, 2010

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## Shapes Distribution Events

**April 3**

Hamilton Central School  
Village of Hamilton  
10 am – 5 pm

**April 4**

O'Connor Campus Center  
Colgate University  
12 noon – 5 pm

**April 10**

Poolville Community Center  
Poolville  
10 am – 5 pm

**April 11**

Palace Theater  
Village of Hamilton  
11 am – 5 pm

# Come Get Your Shape!

# Allan McCollum **Shapes for Hamilton**

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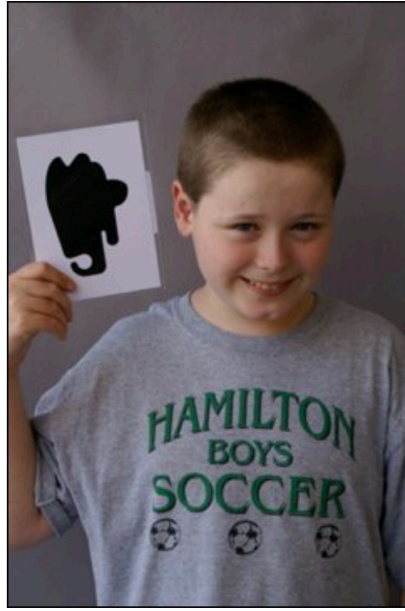




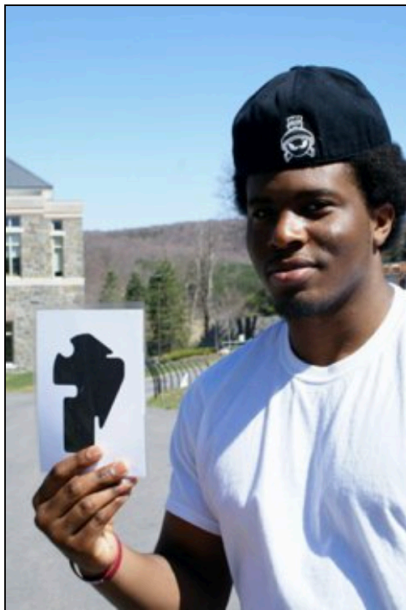


















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