

Alison Knowles and Rirkrit Tiravanija
Men and Women Commonly Dress Alike
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Three Star Books



« Men and Women Commonly Dress Alike », Three Star Books' first scroll work, a collaboration between Alison Knowles and Rirkrit Tiravanija. Based on a poem structure conceived by Knowles and then generated further by computer, the scroll distills the subsequent computer version, according to a project by Tiravanija.

Three categories in the initial poem were subsequently randomized (cross-matched) into all possible permutations. Asked to design Knowles' text, Tiravanija suggested both his characteristic typeface and that Knowles' poem be scrambled once again, this time according to the numbers of the Fibonacci system (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, and so forth). The oddly short result has been presented in a tribute to the Eastern book, in the form of a digitally printed scroll with two bamboo rods, devised using canvas selected by Knowles.

The method and concept of Knowles' initial work relates to her seminal computer-generated House of Dust, published by Verlag Gebr. König, Cologne, in 1969. It is a trail-blazing example of a literary score generated by machine. In turn, the collaborative project is an example of the fractal-like logic of artistic collaboration and inspiration.

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All copies are signed and numbered by the artists

Description:

Format: 73.5 x 155 cm, 28.9 x 61 in.

Digital printing on canvas, bamboo