MARQUETTE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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Color Memoriesby Ginnie Cappaert, City's Deo Gallery .
On display through January 2024
U.P. Denizens and Debris by Michael Letts, City's Deo Gallery .
On display Feb-March 2024
By Design: Looking at Living, NMU DeVos Art Museum .
On display through June 2024

Upcoming Public Art

Jason Quigno's Seven Grandfather Teachings sculpture - June 2024
Kid's Cove Dragonfly Sculpture - Summer 2024
City Cultural Trail Interpretive Sites - Fall 2024
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Who is MPAC?

Hello! We'rethe Marquette Public Art Commission (MPAC) and are excited to begin a dialogue with classrooms in the area. Our group aims to promote art's ability to educate, inspire, preserve, and enhance cultural heritage and diversity. We also hope to better inform our local schools about what's happening across Marquette's art scene. In this series of quarterly newsletters, we'll spotlight a piece in the City's public art collection, touch on upcoming art events in our area, and provide a simple lesson idea that you may adapt to your classroom.

One of our main goals is to provide additional arts education to our community. This newsletter is just a starting point, and we welcome any feedback or ideas you may have along the way.

The Commission would also **love** to see photos of your students interacting with public art, whether it comes from following our lesson idea or on an arts-based field trip. You can contact us at: arts-culture@marquettemi.gov.
We look forward to working together!

–Tracy Wascom (Chair), Lauren Tilma (Vice Chair), Jacqueline Wager, Lance Larson, Amy Stephens, Brianna Hobbins

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Collection Spotlight: **Words To Live & Bike By**

One of ourmostrecent projects hasbeen adding fivenewwordsin our **Wordsto Live & Bike By** mural series. Created by local artists, this undertaking was the brainchild of former MPAC member Linnea Gustafson. During 2020, Mrs. Gustafson was looking for ways to lift others spirits, spread joy and positivity, and bring the community together in a way that could be safely carried out during the pandemic.

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Activity

Ifyou had a chancetocreate your own mural for Words to Live&BikeBy,what word would you choose and why?

Using theprovidedlettertemplates,traceyourwordontoa clean sheet of paper.

Decide how you could decorate your word to match the theme. For example, we filled in the word "INSPIRE" with famous artworks, and things that reminded us of nature.

Use whatever materials you choose to color your design! We'd love to see your finished creations. You can ask your teacher to email us pictures of your work at : arts-culture@marquettemi.gov

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To start the project, MPAC chose to focus on five inspirational words, and by using the Holly Greer bike path as a canvas, we were able to remind the community of a few simple tenets they could live (and bike) by: *Dream, Hope, Gratitude, Respect,* and *Remember*.

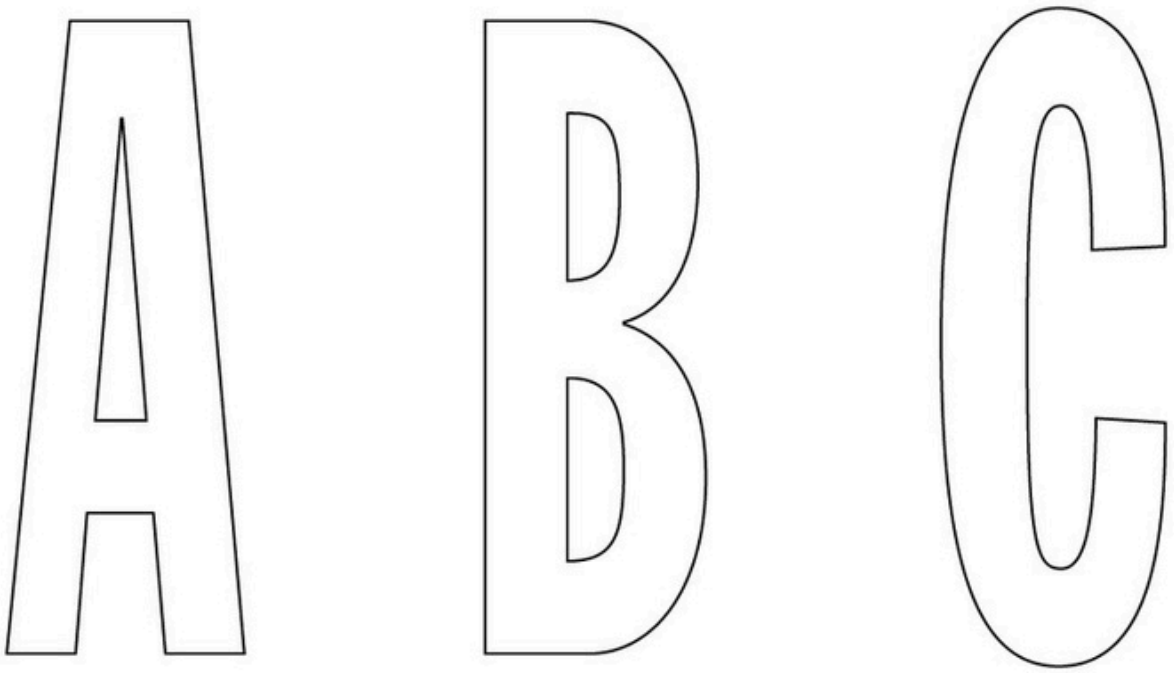
The first words and locations were chosen by MPAC members. Mrs. Gustafson remembered how McCarty's cove was left in ruins after a 4th of July celebration, so she thought it might be fitting to put the word "respect" at that location. Other words and places were paired with similar considerations.

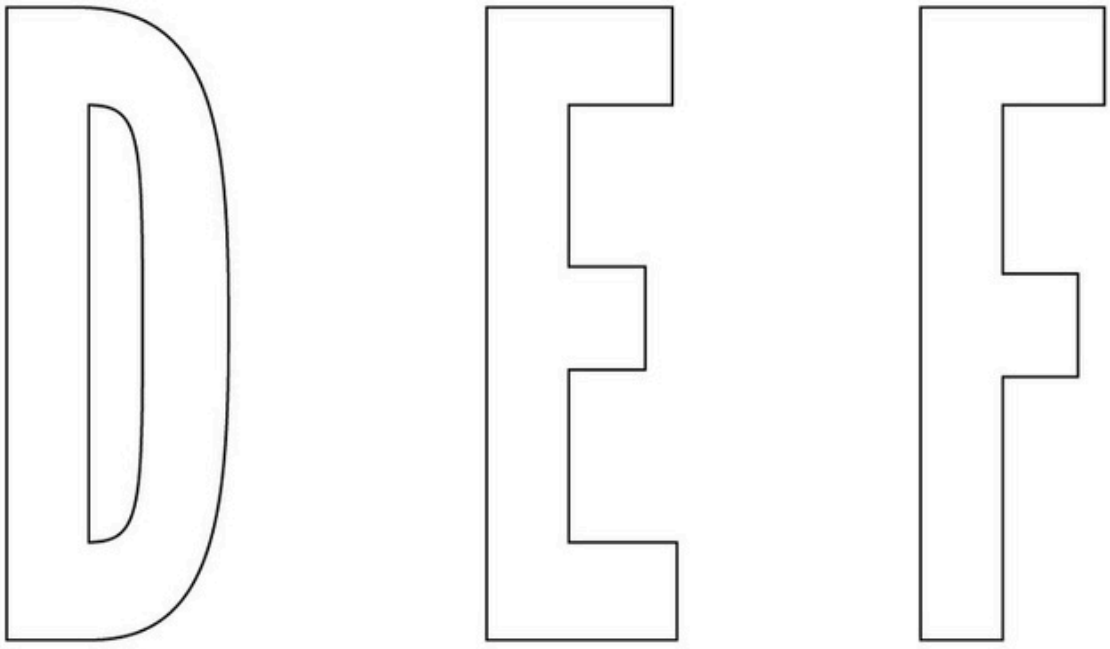
For the recent round of murals, MPAC chose five locations along the Marquette bike path, but artists submitted a proposal for a word of their own choosing in their preferred spot. We wanted to pull the focus away from the shoreline and further entwine the project into our community.

Words like "perseverance" were proposed next to the hospital and Beacon House, and Mrs. Gustafson was honored to design the word 'inspire' on the path across from Superior Hills Elementary.

MPAC has seen how well the community responded to this project, and we plan to continue the tradition in the years to come, adding more words in new locations and replacing those that are fading away due to timeand elements. When artwork is done outside, it isn't always meant to last forever, butwe hope the project will continue to uplift thepeople of Marquette for as long as possible!

The five words painted for the 2022 *Words to Live & Bike By* mural project





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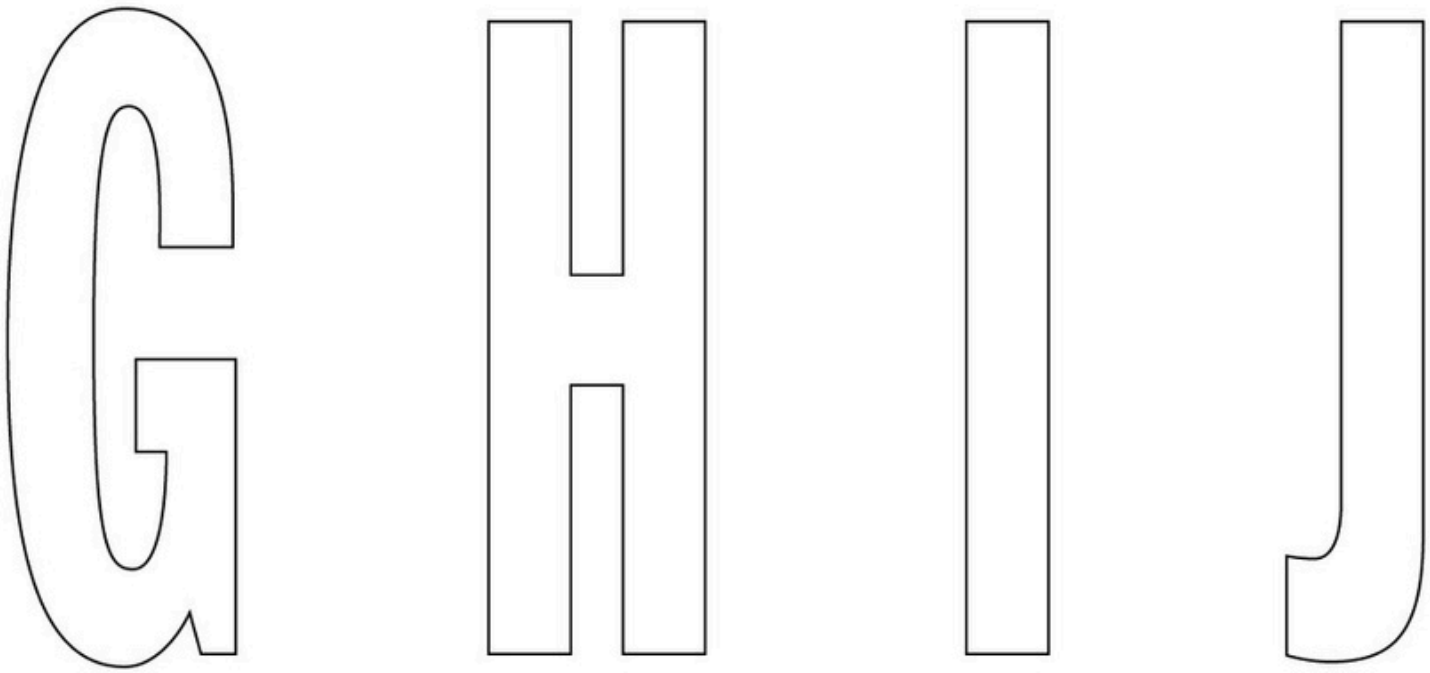

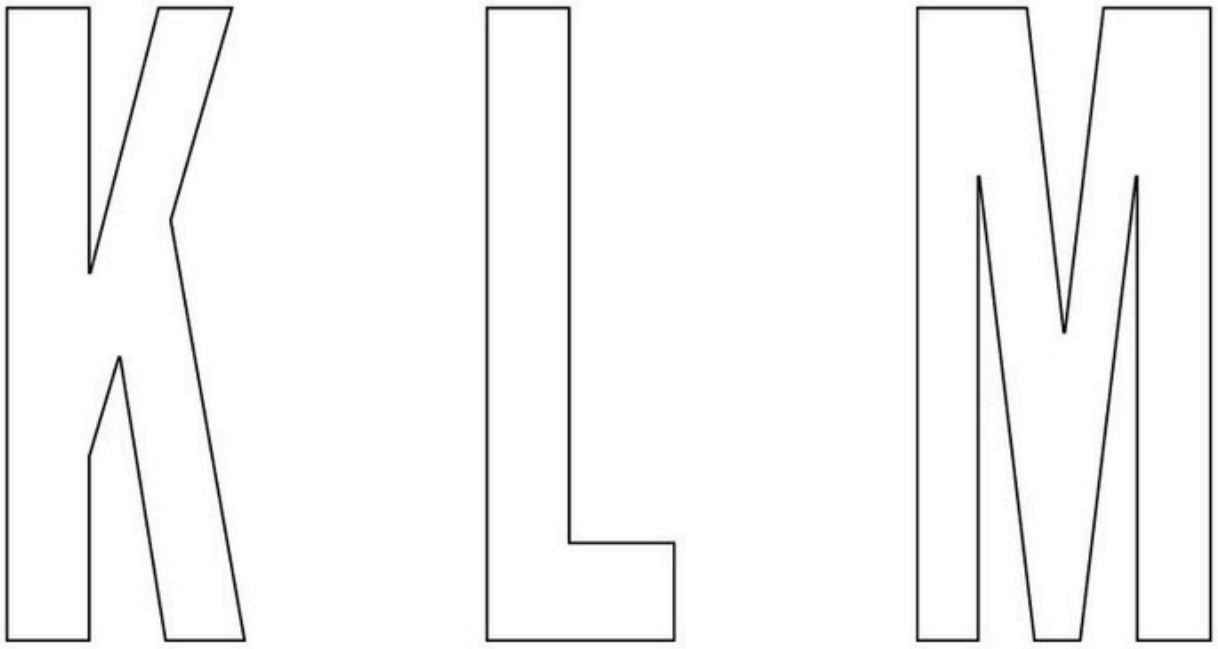

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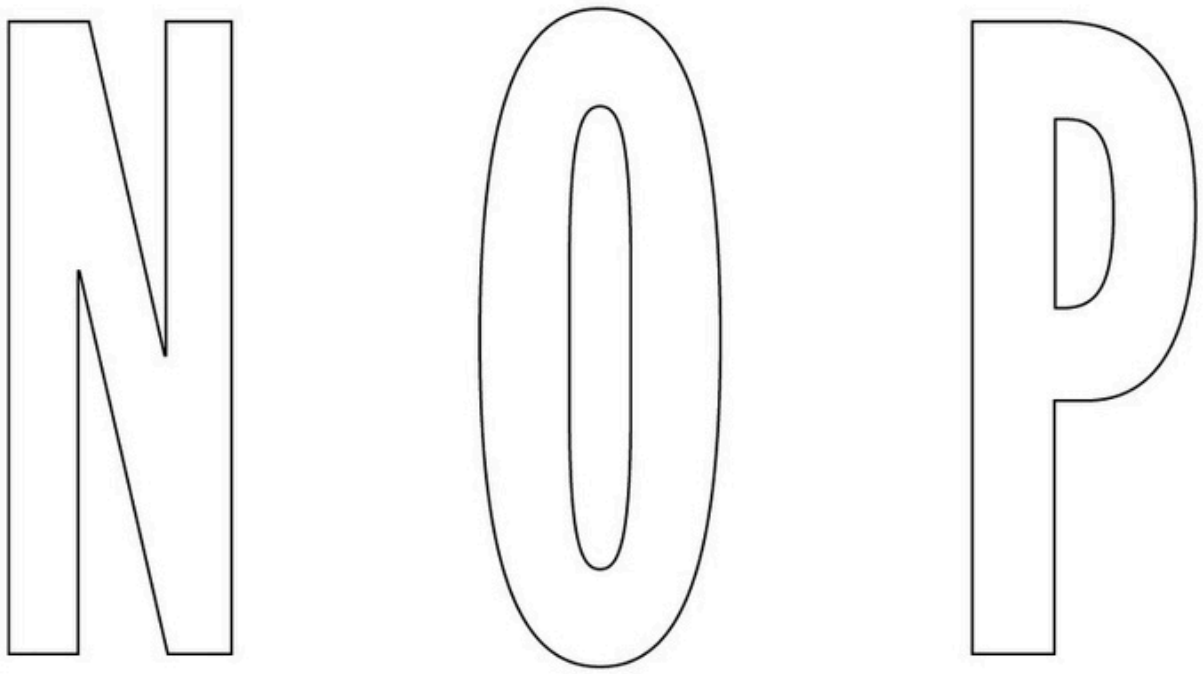

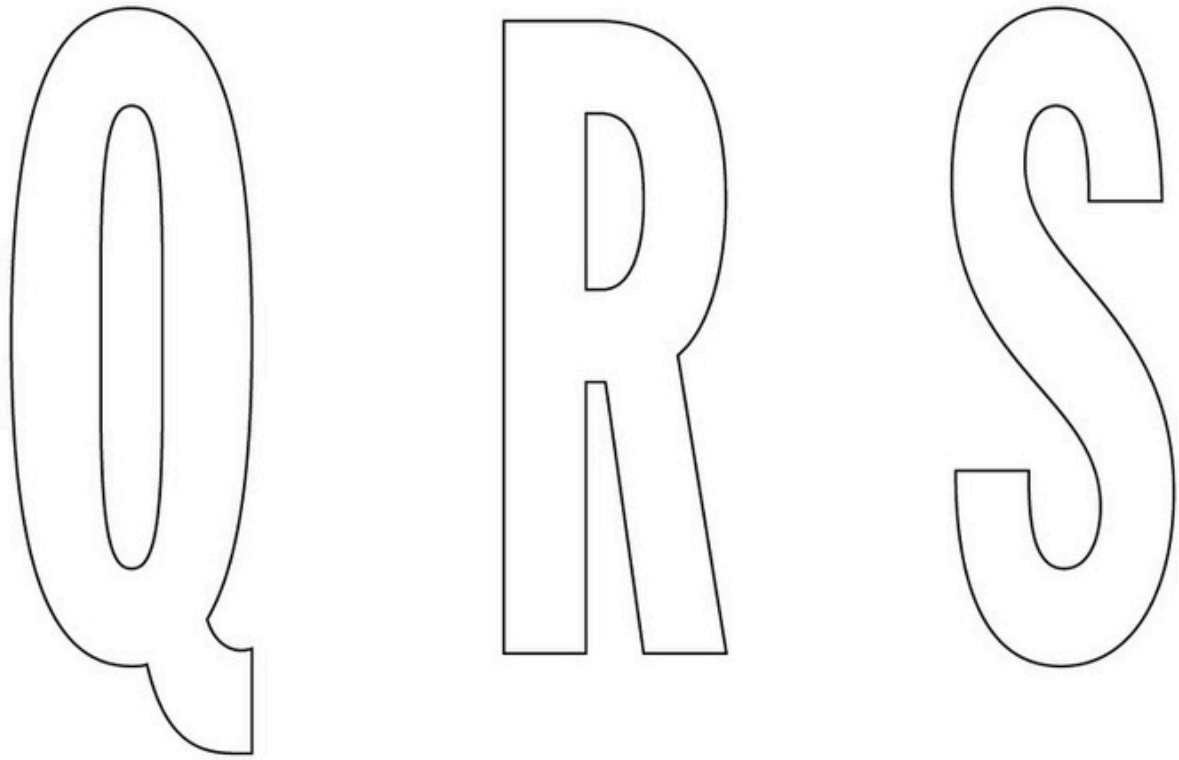

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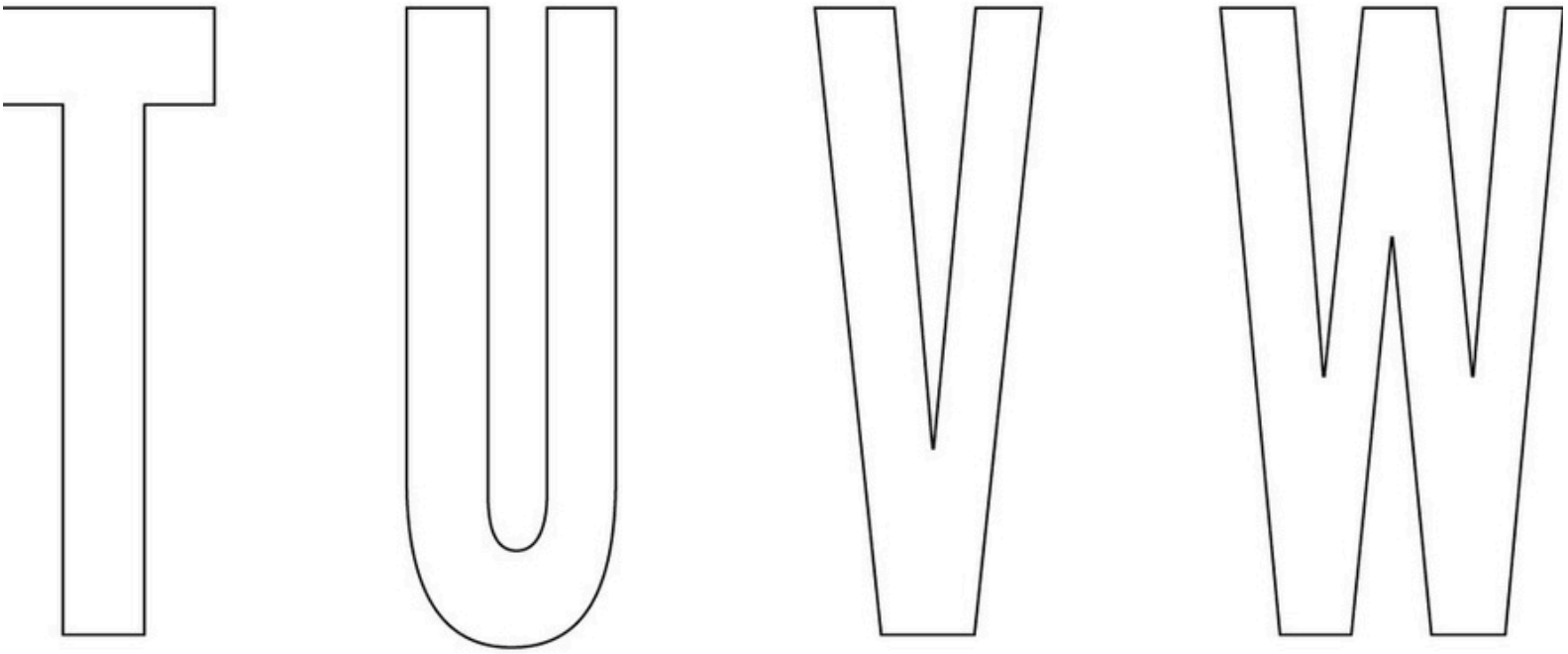

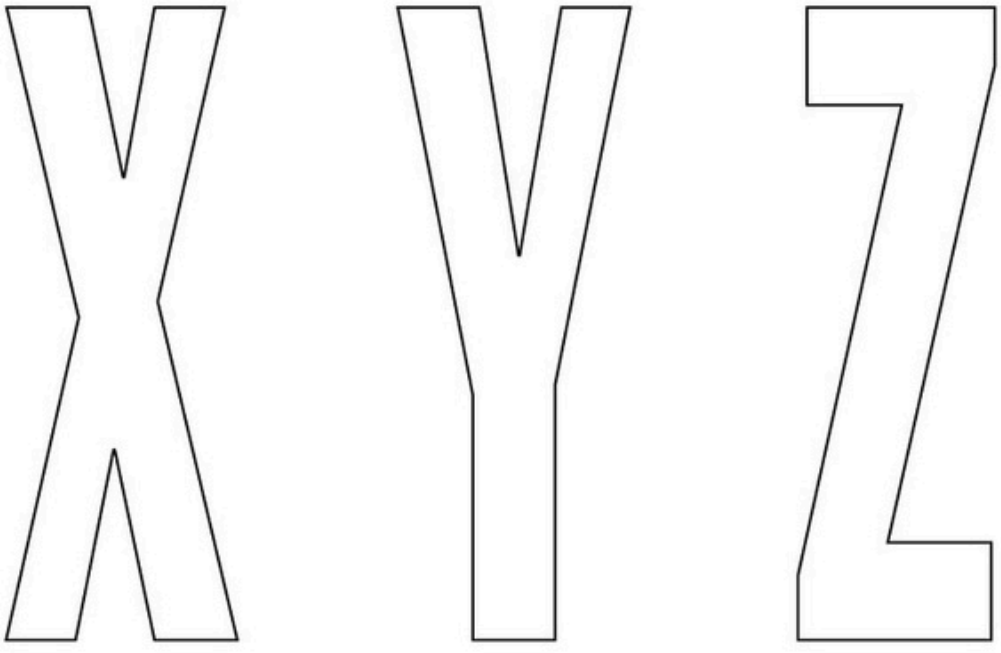

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