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areyoureallymyfriend.com

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As artists, we are not just creators — we are also innovators, hackers, critical thinkers, scientists, researchers and explorers.
Robert Smithson
Maya Lin
Are you really my friend? The FB portrait project
FB friend locations as of 2/24/11. — with Tanja Hollander.
title: Dinner with Karin & Barry, Auburn, Maine
date: 2010
relationship: friends, art, met on FB via Jim Law
years known: 0-5
Q: How do you fund this?
A: I hustle
Mike, Fanny, Martin + Maya Ladd, Paris, France

date: 2014

relationship: friends, art, met at Hampshire College

years known: Mike 20-25, Fanny 0-5
title: Beth, Sean, Gus & Mac Tremblay, Williamsburg, Virginia
date: 2013
relationship: friends, met through old school Portland
years known: 20-25
title: Mike O’Hara, Buffalo, New York
date: 2013
relationship: friends, met on FB via Jethro Soudant
years known: 0-5
title: Shannon Rose Riley, San Jose, California
date: 2013
relationship: friends, art, met through art world Portland
years known: 15-20
Daryl Fort, Portland, Maine

Date: 2010

Relationship: friends, business (art), met through Aaron Frederick

Years known: 0-5
date: 2013
relationship: friends, art, met through Bakery Photo Collective
years known: 5-10
title: Sherry Browning + Ray Adamson, St. Louis, Missouri
date: 2013
relationship: friends, family friends, met through Mary Anne Sedey
years known: Sherry 30-35, Ray 20-25
title: Mona Le Roy, Arrow, Maverick + Flint Mueller, New York City, New York

date: 2013

relationship: friends, art, met at Hampshire College

years known:  Arrow 20-25, Mona 0-5
title: Gar Allen & Larry Bennett, St. Louis, Missouri
date: 2012
relationship: friends, met through Tania Allen
years known: 30-35
title: Allysen Manz, Zola + Melina Coppa, Brooklyn, New York
date: 2014
relationship: friends, met at Hampshire College
years known: Allysen 20-25, Melina 5-10
Layers of Are you really my friend?

- Formal Portraits on Film
- Social Media
- Audience Engagement
- Lectures
- Documentation
- Travel / Geolocation / Travel Ephemera
- Community building / Cultural Hotspots
- Data Collection / Data visualization
- Relationships
- Landscapes
- Research + Meetings
Layer: Social Media
Attempt at gaming Facebook’s news feed algorithm
Ongoing Twitter Retweet Performance Piece on Friendship

Tanja Hollander @tanjahollander
RT @Tara_Lee_CL: I always wanted a gay Bestie.. I'm just putting it out there #Gaybestie #search #bff

Ongoing Twitter Retweet Performance Piece on Friendship
Layer: Audience engagement
A real friend immediately deletes your hard drive when you die.
A real friend
Immediately deletes your hard drive when you die.

Post it note scanned, printed 3x3’, installed at gallery, Instagrammed by stranger, screenshot by me
I am learning that the experiences I am having are almost as important as the final portrait. The meticulous blogging / documenting / sharing is becoming a historical “document”
Philly Fringe Festival, Philadelphia Art Museum
Layers:

- Documentation
- Travel
- Geolocation
- Travel Ephemera
- Data Collection/Visualization
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Sample spreadsheet for scheduling shoots - NYC
San Francisco bus transfer
Self portrait every time I hit the road - #ontheroadagain
Morning coffee spot, Las Vegas
Ut oh, I’m on a boat to nowhere
Bar outside of the Badlands, South Dakota
Hardware store, Tucson, AZ
Rest stop with car museum and Yoda, New Mexico
Honky tonk bar, Nashville, TN
Thrift store, St. Louis, MO
Twig Farm, West Cornwall, Vermont
Letter press map by Kyle Durrie/Type Truck
Finished project

• Exhibition at MASS MoCA
• Book
• Documentary film
• Interactive database and website