



di Rosa's sculpture meadow
showcases dozens of artworks,
including this monumental
work by artist **Sam Yates**



Sam Yates, *Untitled (Minuet in MG)*, 1999
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WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT TRUE ABOUT THIS WORK?



Has always been the same size



Is earth's tallest filing cabinet



Contains an entire car inside



Took two years to install at di Rosa

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Answer:
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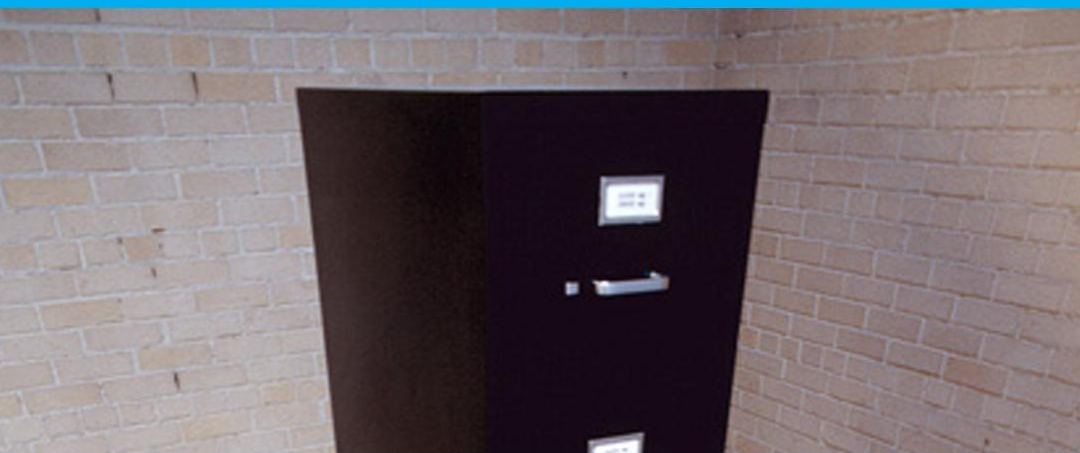
Samuel Yates (1974), received his MFA from Columbia University in 2002 and is a faculty member at Rhode Island School of Design.

Samuel Yates's work has been described as simple ideas taken to an extreme, formal limit. This six-story sculpture, which contains a **1974 MG Midget** sports car, holds the Guinness World Record for the "**tallest file cabinet on earth.**" For this work, Yates purchased the convertible, and promptly had it crushed, flattened and shredded - including the original DMV registration for the car.



1974 MG Midget, photo by Hugh Llewelyn (2008)

After this process, Yates was left with 1,682 pieces which he laboriously weighed, photographed, bagged, numbered, labeled and filed in more than 1,000 hours of cataloguing. The bagged pieces were then weighed out in milligrams (mgs) and divided up between the drawers of the cabinet, placing the heaviest pieces in the bottom drawers with progressively lighter loads in the upper ones. In total, *Minuet in MG* includes 6 tons of concrete, 4 tons of steel, and is constructed to withstand sun, rain, wind, lightening, and earthquakes.



“A little over two years ago, (Richard) Reisman said, di Rosa first saw the giant file cabinet in an exhibit at the Refusalon Gallery in San Francisco. The cabinet sat in a stairwell and was only 30 feet tall at the time.”



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“Thirty-one pages of engineering blueprints were required to make the structure safe for display and able to weather Mother Nature's whims. ‘The cabinet drawers had to be truncated in the back to accommodate a support pillar that runs from the base to the top of the cabinet,’ Reisman said. Shortening the cabinets required redistributing the weight of the MG pieces. For stability, Reisman said, it was necessary to add another 35 feet more of cabinet space to the existing 30 feet to safely portion out the car parts.”

Gary Brady-Herndon, Napa Valley Register, *World's largest file cabinet now on Napa Hillside* (2001)



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