

2+2=5

In collaboration with Douglas R. Hofstadter

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In May 2020, CACBM was honored to collaborate with Douglas R. Hofstadter on an offsite (and wearable) project.

The illustration by Hofstadter was first published in 1979 in his seminal book *Gödel, Escher, Bach, an Eternal Golden Braid* which explores the fundamental concept of meaning, and how meaningless elements can produce meaning. This illustration is accompanied by a quote, *The brain is rational ; the mind may not be.*

In the beginning of 2020, CACBM lost its primary exhibition space. Behind 2+2=5 lies a romantic idea that viewers not only complete an exhibition but also carry the meaning of an exhibition with them.

Interestingly, when Douglas Hofstadter sent a portrait of himself wearing the T-shirt he realized that his home address 522 mirrors the addition 2+2=5...just like an **Eternal Golden Braid** mirrors **Gödel, Escher, Bach**.