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A Style for Every Story: survey 1 is an exhibition that focuses on jeans as a universal language. As artist AdrienneRose Gionta explains in her statement about the show, “People from all walks of life have at least one pair and that one pair of jeans says a lot about who has worn them. This exhibition is a collection of those who chose to share their stories.”

Her project so far includes 77 pairs of jeans, 5 pairs of jean shorts and a jean jacket, all of which she collected through online requests she’s been posting since January asking people for their old jeans and their stories.

The show, she says, is a collaboration between her and people she’s connected to personally and online, as well as a survey of what she calls “the common thread among us: jeans.” The collection, however, will grow as visitors continue donating jeans and sharing their stories, some of which arrived with notes in the pockets.

The project will also include Do These Makes Me Look Fat? a five-minute video in which Gionta tries on every pair of jeans in a store, along with 4XL, 2011, an installation of her used jeans.

The artist notes that the final outcome of the project is impossible to predict. “What if no one or only 10 people had donated jeans?” she asks. The exhibition, which will continue through Aug. 13, continues to bring in more donated jeans, which will eventually be donated to a good cause. Gionta also invites people to complete a 16-question survey about their relationship with jeans at Adriennerosegionta.blogspot.com and send a photo of themselves in their jeans, along with a caption, to Adriennerosegionta@gmail.com.