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The thought of schlepping the family down to D.C. today briefly crossed your mind, but the crowds held you back.

Celebrate the momentous event in a quieter way: Check out, "Changing States" an Obama-inspired artwork on display in the lobby of the Museum of Arts and Design until the end of the month. Australian artist [Benjamin Shine](#) was so inspired by Barack Obama's message of hope and change that he created a tribute to the next president. The resulting piece portraits the new president using the material of a retired cotton American flag woven through mesh fabric.

The museum's shop will also offer products — including a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle — inspired by the artwork, so you can bring a piece of history home.

2 Columbus Circle (at 59th St. & Broadway), 212-299-7777, madmuseum.org.

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