



# MAKE YOUR MARK

## NSCAD ALUMNI RING 2026



Skillful and intentioned mark making is a common focus, shared across NSCAD University's Art, Design and Craft disciplines. The MYM Alumni Ring challenges the NSCAD grad to confidently 'Make Your Mark', as you transition from academic training to individual creative practice.

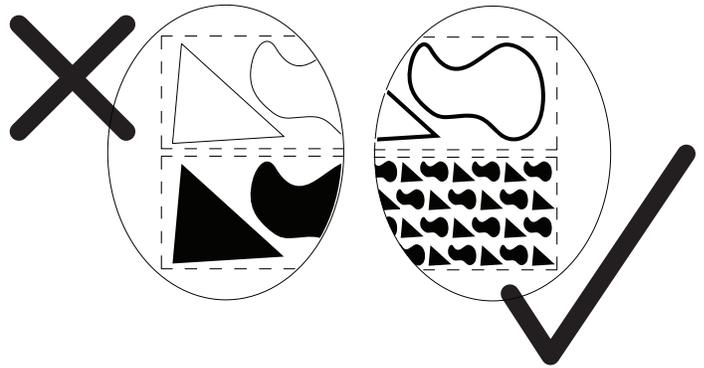
Commemorate your NSCAD journey, challenges & accomplishments, and launch your artistic career with a one-of-a-kind ring, created in collaboration with you. Fill the canvas below with a combination of line, shape, text, pattern & symbol, to illustrate or conceptualize your very own meaningful mark. This composition is transposed and then becomes the feature surface of your individual alumni ring, etched in metal and preserved for a lifetime.

In your time at NSCAD you may have considered a version of, "What is not constrained is not creative." - Philip Johnson-Laird and the value of limitations on the creative process... To achieve the best possible results please follow the guidelines found on the second page.



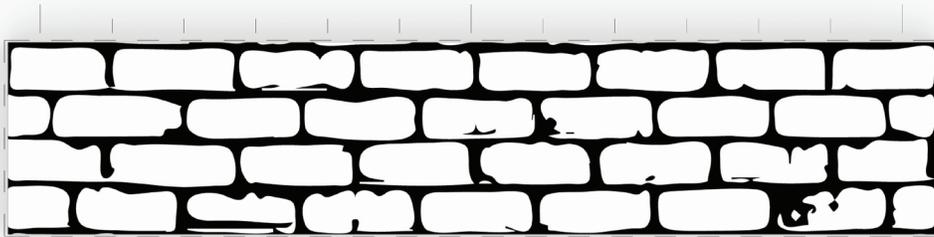
## To achieve the best possible results please follow the guidelines below:

- Required Aspect Ratio is 2048 (w) X 430 (h). Use the canvas provided or set up your own. Alternate dimensions will result in stretched or distorted images.
- Colour inside the lines (!?!) We love that you think outside the box but it won't help you here. Artwork touching or beyond the dotted border will be cropped.
- Black areas are etched into the metal surface and white areas will remain. Avoid large, black-filled shapes or areas... They may not translate well in the finishing stages.
- Use a standard Sharpie© marker in the frame(s) to get an accurate idea of what will translate well. Smaller lines weights and fine details do not translate well. They may end up looking like blemishes or may be lost entirely.
- Clean black and white images will give the best results.
- Rings are small and fine details may be lost... the surface of a ring is tiny compared to the rectangular canvas. A minimum line weight (1mm) on the canvas is required to prevent loss of detail when scaled down.



## When ordering your ring you may provide one of the following:

- A scanned image (jpg) of your artwork (drawn with Sharpie©) in the canvas area provided. Scanning apps such as Photoscan by Google or Microsoft Lens can provide a suitable output image.
- A black and white digital drawing of the same dimensions (2048 x 430) using design software such as Procreate, Adobe Illustrator or Photoshop. Output image as jpg at 2048 x 430 resolution. Follow the same guidelines above.



Original canvas artwork (above) is scaled 4X smaller and wrapped onto the surface of the ring

