



## BUILDING A BETTER BRAND.

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# BRAND STORY

#### THIS IS THE MMA

#### **ABOUT US:**

The Muskegon Museum of Art is renowned for its fine permanent collection of American and European paintings, sculpture, prints, and drawings. Regularly on view in the permanent collection galleries, you will find works by notable artists such as John Steuart Curry, Edward Hopper, Winslow Homer, Elizabeth Catlett, Pierre Bonnard, and more.

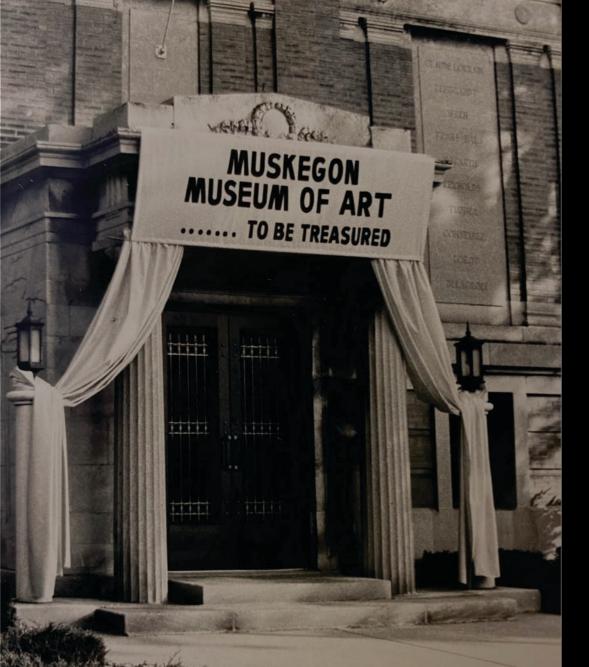
The MMA studio glass collection is among the finest in the Midwest, featuring artists such as Dale Chihuly, Harvey Littleton, Dominick Labino, Sonja Blomdahl and Debora Moore.

The museum also features many rotating exhibitions throughout the year, ranging from exhilarating nationally traveling exhibitions to contemporary regional and Michigan artist shows. Educational programs, such as lectures, films, workshops, classes, and gallery tours have been key to the mission of the Muskegon Museum of Art since its founding in 1912.

#### **OUR MISSION:**

The Muskegon Museum of Art, founded on a tradition of aesthetic excellence, is committed to fostering the life-long study and appreciation of the visual arts by strengthening, preserving, and exhibiting its collections; offering a wide range of traditional and contemporary exhibitions; stimulating learning and creativity through diverse public and educational programming; and enhancing community involvement and support in a safe, accessible, and welcoming environment.





# BEHIND THE BRAND

#### HONORING OUR HISTORY

The MMA has always been committed to fostering a life-long appreciation of visual arts by offering a wide range of exhibitions and stimulating artistry in the community. For many years, the Muskegon Museum of Art has been coined the "hidden gem" and "best kept secret" of Muskegon. As much as we adore our local community in trying to keep us all to themselves, it's time to let this best kept secret out!

With an expanding museum and many exciting things on the horizon for the MMA, we are growing beyond being a small town art museum and into a nationally recognized and respected destination spot for art and museum enthusiasts.

This time of change for the MMA has given us the opportunity to elevate the museum in many ways, some of which you may have already noticed (like our quarterly journals). As well as a rebrand. This project is a means to elevate and refresh our existing brand and to better position ourselves for the national stage and for the next generation of the MMA.





# BRAND BUILDING

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A tremendous amount of work and research went into creating the new look of the MMA. It was impairative that we made the new brand revelant while still honoring our history.

Ultimately it was the building that told the story. While exploring the architectural renderings for the expansion, following it's lines and discovering M after M and A after A's built right into our original and expanded building plans. With the term MMA already coined and familiar to the public it was clear that would be the direction to go.

The new logo icon was developed by blending the old with the new. Using an areial view of the architectural renderings as inspiration.

#### **BRAND ICON:**

The left side being the front of the original building, with the gap being representative of the historic entrance. Then following the lines of the roof peaks, the first M was reveiled. Following the plans for the expansion, the left line of the M was extended down and popped back out following the design for the shape of the new expansion creating our second M. To finish the central block was added to create the A in the center.

#### **SIGNATURE SHAPES:**

Continuing with the concept for the logo, we discovered a variety of shapes within the rendering that made for perfect brand elements and navigational tools.

And just like that the new brand icon was created. It's not just a logo, it's our building, it's our brand, it's the new MMA!



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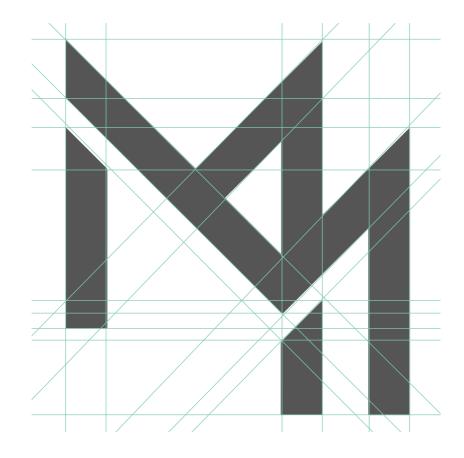
- CONCEPT
- CONSTRUCTION
- PRIMARY VARIATIONS
- COLOR POP
- ART INTERGRATION
- SIZING GUIDE

# M + M + A





#### CONSTRUCTION









VERTICAL



HORIZONTAL

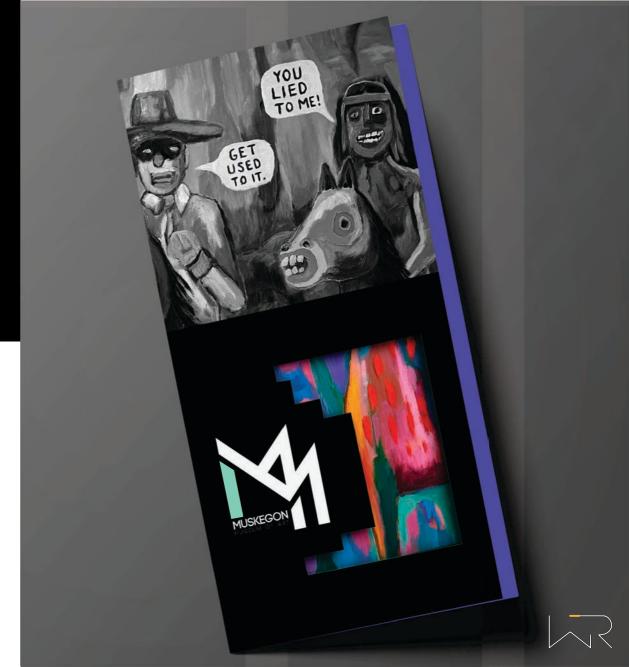


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A single color can be used within the brand...

See the following guide.









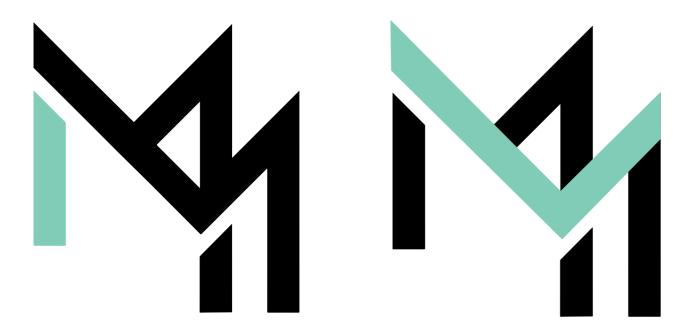


Color can within the primary color paleete may be used to highlight the logo icon, meanwhile the the logo text should stay either black or white.

An extended color bar or a color block may also be used when using the icon alone as a graphic element.







A solid single color bar within the logo icon and color palette may also be used, however only in the following variations.



# ART





Logo Type, Art Imagery & Color Blocks should stay within the size paramiters of the Logo Icon.



LOGO ICON



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Enclosed Logo Variation



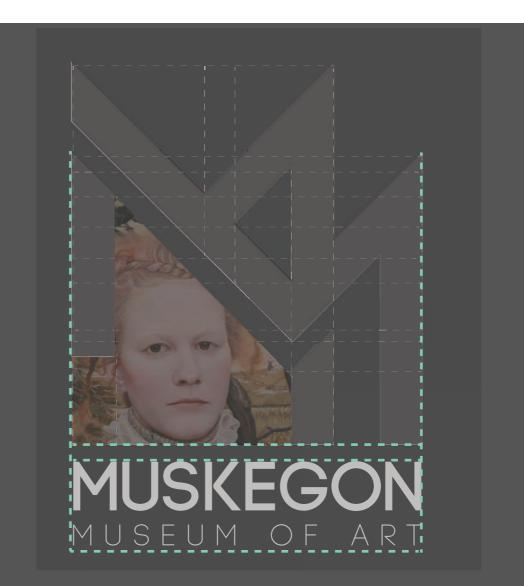








Enclosed Logo Variation

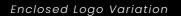










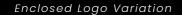














# MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART





# COLORFUL EXPRESSION

Follow the following palette and color codes.





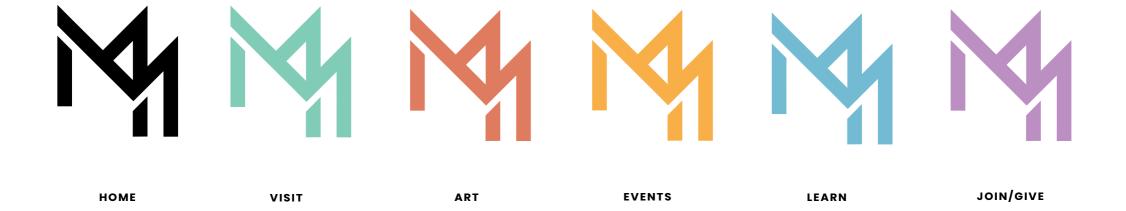
#### COLOR OPACITY

Shade of thr colors may be altered within it's own opacity hues.

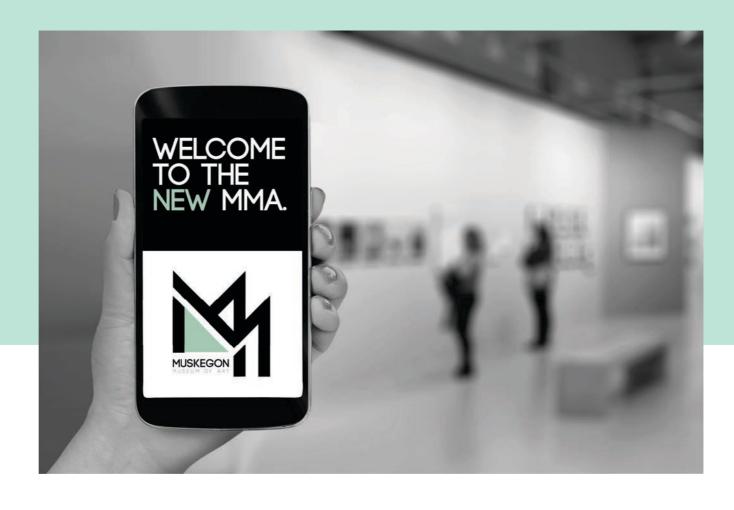




Color should be selected with the coresponding navigational cateory being the priority.

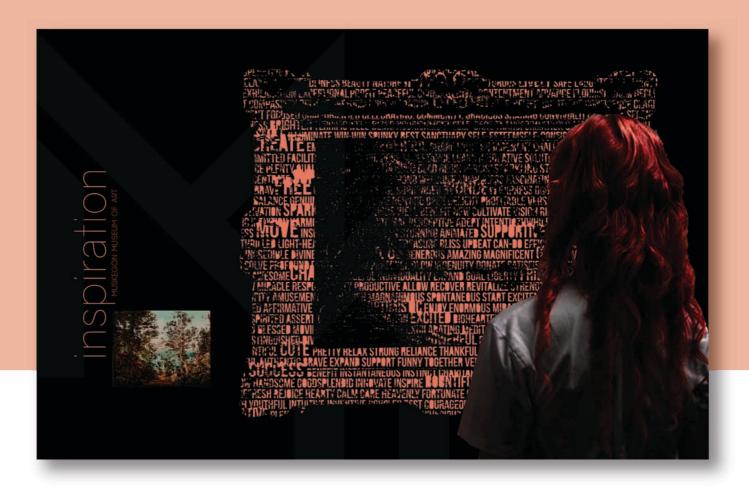






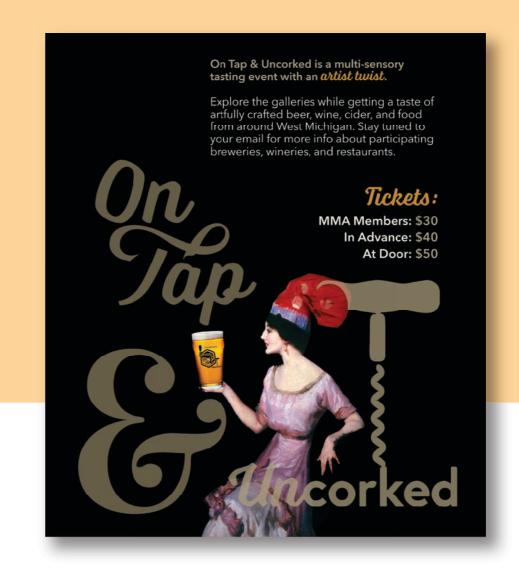
VISIT \_\_\_\_\_ TEAL





ART CORAL





EVENTS GOLD





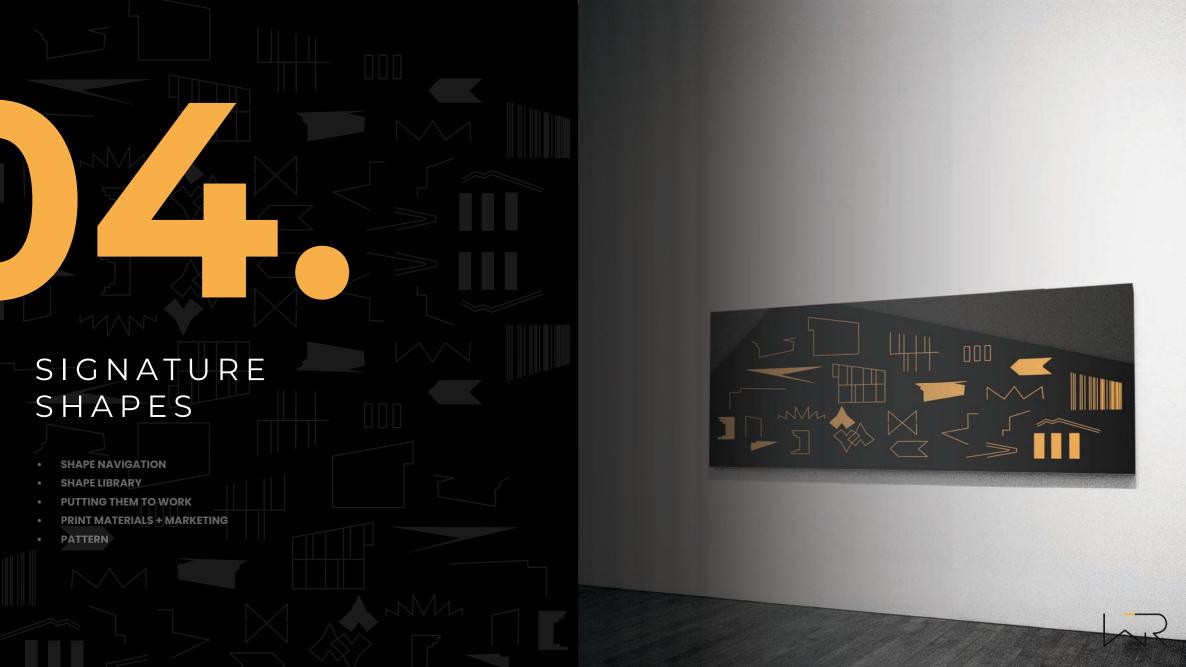
LEARN BLUE

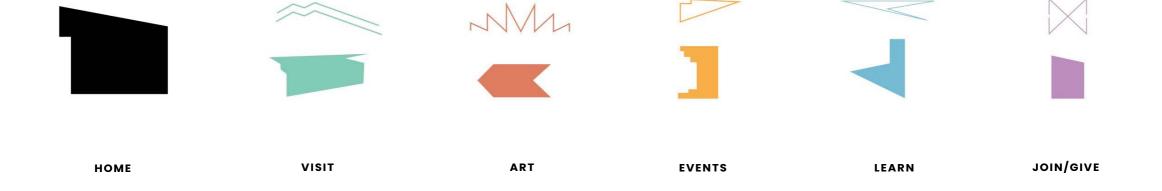




EVENTS VIOLET







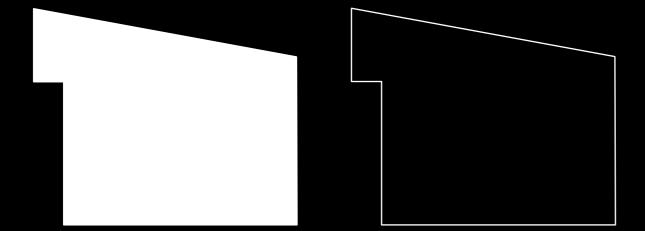
Navigational shapes should be used within it's own category.

Crossing over shapes causes confusion and waters down the brands clean messaging.

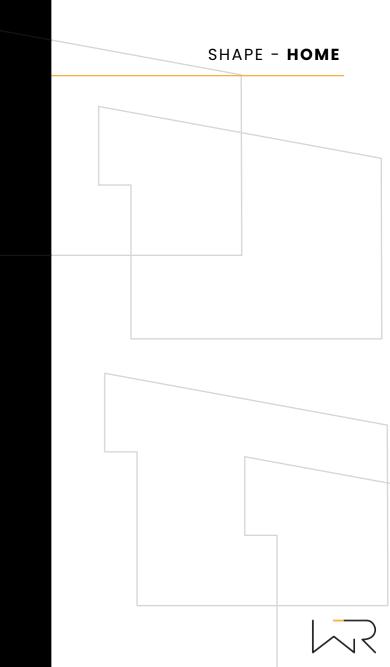


Signature Shape HOME is used for general information about the museum, including affiliations, staff, location, etc.

The use of color should be limited to BLACK, WHITE & GREY.

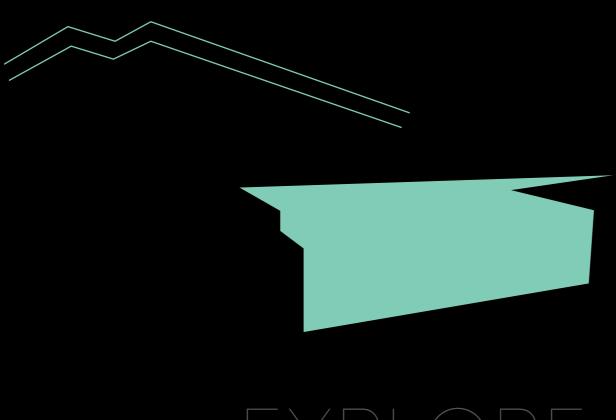


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Signature Shapes for VISIT are used for information about visiting the museum, admission, tours, etc.

The use of color should be limited to the TEAL palette.

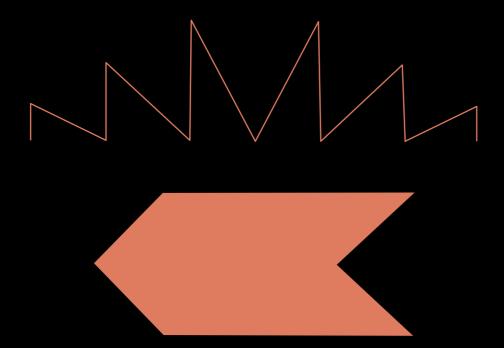


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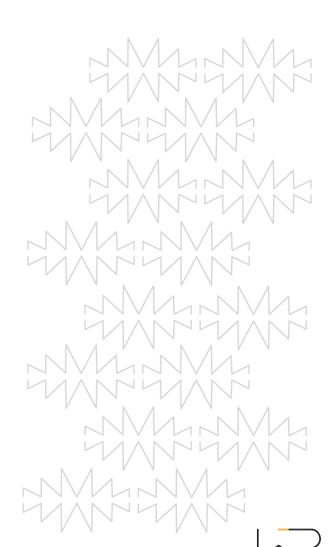


Signature Shapes for ART are used for exhibtions, artists, artwork, the permenant collection, etc.

The use of color should be limited to the CORAL palette.



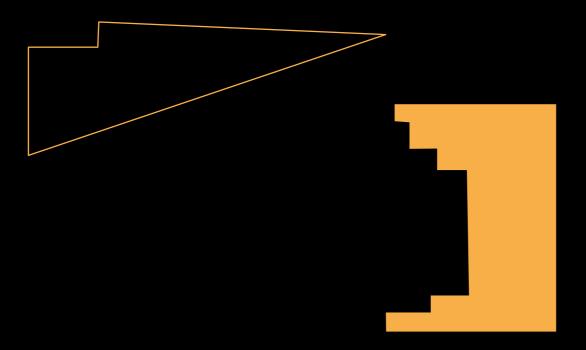
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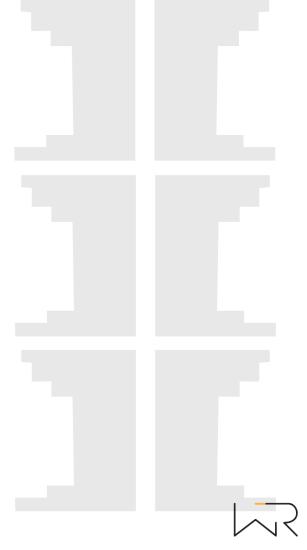
Signature Shapes for EVENTS are used for information about upcoming events, programming, special announcements etc.

-- - Note that this section can also crossover alongside art exhibtions, and can be used to highlight an opening ceremony or event.

The use of color should be limited to the GOLD palette.



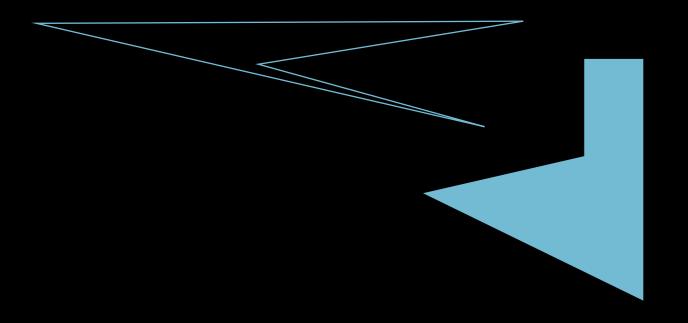
# MMADE TO EN ER ALN



Signature Shapes for LEARN are used for information about educational programming, activities, docent tours, etc.

The use of color should be limited to the BLUE palette.

- - - Note that GOLD Events color can crossover into this category if being used to highlight a special educational event or activity.

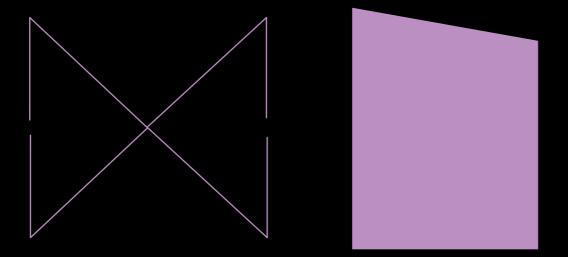


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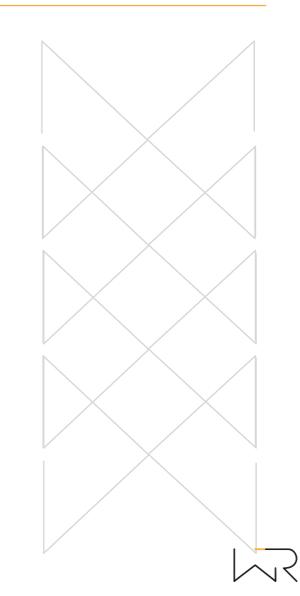


Signature Shapes for JOIN + GIVE are used for sponsorships, donations, members, volenteers, etc.

The use of color should be limited to the VIOLET palette.



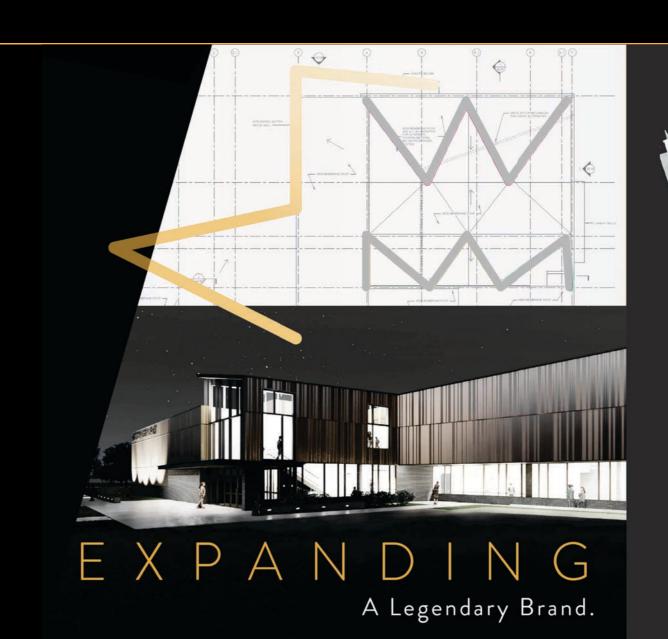
MMADE TO SHARLE



#### SHAPE COLLECTION REFERENCE

There are a wide variety of shapes avaliable outside of the Signature Shape Collection.

These alternate shapes can be used as a pattern or as a stand alone element.







# 01. **OUR NEW** HOME

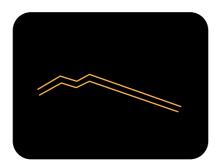
INSPIRATION:

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# 02. MORE TO VISIT

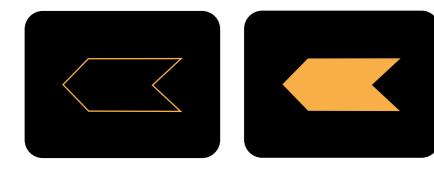
INSPIRATION: REFLECTIVE M'S IN THE ROOF PEAKS!



# 03. MUCH MORE TO VISIT

INSPIRATION:
PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE





## 04. **DIRECTION OF** ART

INSPIRATION:

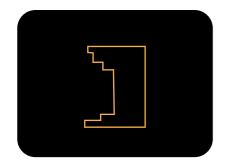
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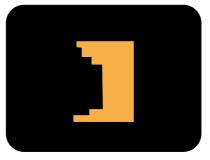


### 05. **INSPIRING** ART

INSPIRATION:

REFLECTIVE M'S IN THE ROOF PEAKS!



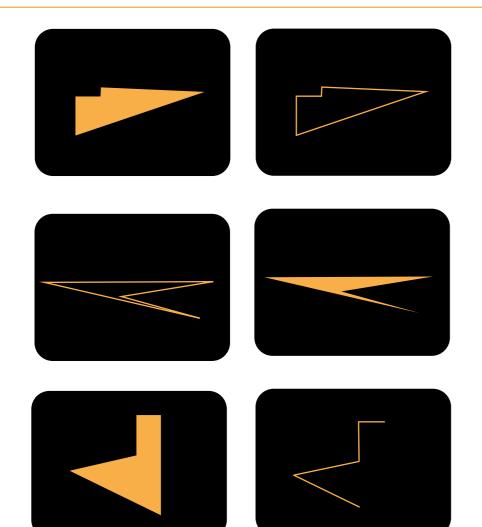


### 06. **HISTORICAL** *EVENTS*

INSPIRATION:

PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE





### **07. MODERN** *EVENTS*

INSPIRATION:

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### 08. **IGNITING A PASSION** *LEARN*

INSPIRATION:

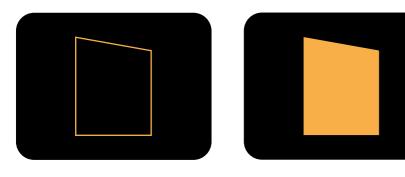
REFLECTIVE M'S IN THE ROOF PEAKS!

### 10. **GROWING CREATIVITY** *LEARN*

INSPIRATION:

PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE





### 11. **REFLECTIONS** JOIN + GIVE

INSPIRATION:

EXPANSION WALL FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING



### 12. MOLDING MINDS JOIN + GIVE

INSPIRATION:

REFLECTIVE M'S IN THE ROOF PEAKS!





#### 03. NO PEAK TOO HIGH

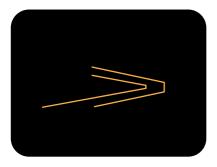
INSPIRATION:
PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE



#### 03. SIDE ON IN

INSPIRATION:

EXPANSION WALL FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING



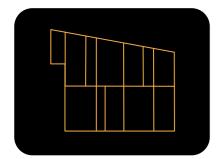
#### 02. ABSTRACT ANGLES

INSPIRATION:
REFLECTIVE M'S IN THE ROOF PEAKS!



#### 03. POWERFUL PEICES

INSPIRATION:
PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE



### 02. **REFLECTING**ON THE FUTURE

INSPIRATION:
REFLECTIVE M'S IN THE ROOF PEAKS!



#### 03. MMAJOR CONNECTION

INSPIRATION:
PROFILE OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE



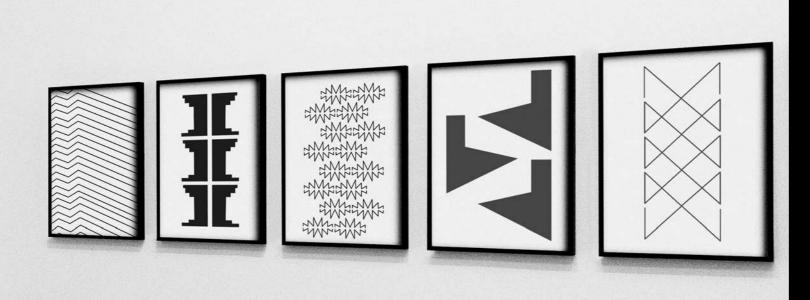
# PUTTING THEM TO WORK













#### TYPOGRAPHY

- PRIMARY TYPE
- SECONDARY TYPE
- ACCENT TYPE
- TWO-TONE TYPE

## AaBbCc AaBbCc AaBbCc AaBbCc



HEADLINES + SUBHEADS

# CODEBOLD

CODELIGHT



BODY COPY + HEADLINES + SUBHEAD

POPPINSEXTRALIGHT POPPINSLIGHT POPPINSLIGHTITALIC POPPINSREGULAR POPPINS MEDIUM **POPPINS SEMIBOLD** POPPINS **BOLD** POPPINS BOLDITALIC **POPPINSEXTRABOLD POPPINSEXTRABOLDITALIC** POPPINS BLACK



SPECIAL QUOTES + HEADLINES
\*Intended for limited use.

Neulis Cursive HAIRLINE + Italic

Neulis Cursive THIN + Italic

Neulis Cursive EXTRA LIGHT + Italic

Neulis Cursive LIGHT + Italic

Neulia Curaive REGULAR + Italic

Neulia Curaive MEDIUM + Italic

Neulia Curaive SEMI BOLD + Italic

Neulis Cursive BOLD + Italic

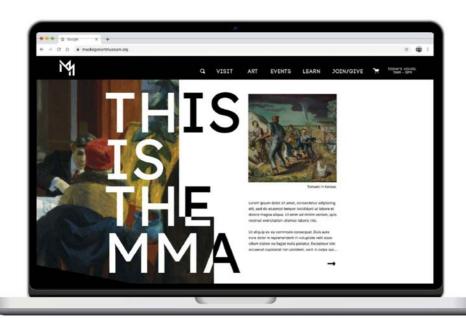
Neulia Curaive EXTRA BOLD + Italic

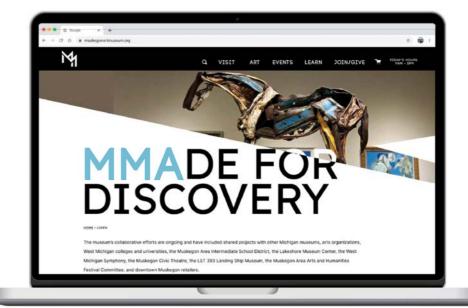
Neulia Curaive BLACK + Italic





BLACK to WHITE crossover type as well as a single color due can be used to highlight playful messaging and bring attention as a headl







#### LET THEM HEAR YOUR VOICE

- PLAYFUL MESSAGING
- BRAND SHAPE + ART INTEGRATION
- COLOR + SHAPE RECOGNITION

















