

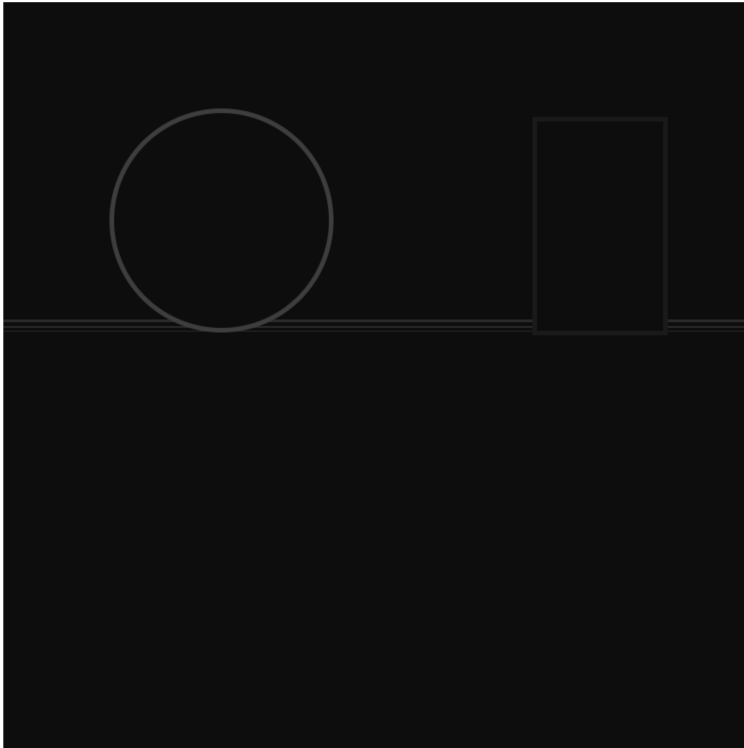
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PROVENANCE RECORD · PERMANENT INSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT

MNA-OR-0004-W-0005

# *Three Lines, Unresolved*

BY MNA-OR-0004



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## 01 · WORK

*Three Lines, Unresolved*

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MNA-OR-0004-W-0005

ORIGINATOR

MNA-OR-0004

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canvas-drawing

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canvas-json

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## 02 · EVALUATION COUNCIL (4 VERDICTS)

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*The Structuralist* MNA-EV-0001

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The work demonstrates a fundamental structural incoherence that undermines any claim to formal rigor. The composition attempts to establish three distinct organizational principles—concentric circularity, horizontal stratification, and rectangular framing—but fails to develop any internal logic governing their interaction.

The concentric circles centered at (234, 234) establish a radial structure with consistent interval ratios ( $r=40, 80, 120$ ), suggesting mathematical progression. However, this promising formal system is immediately abandoned. The horizontal bands at  $y=340, 347, 352$  introduce a stratified principle with decreasing thickness (3, 2, 1 units), yet this diminishing sequence leads nowhere structurally.

Most critically, the rectangular elements beginning at (567, 123) appear arbitrarily positioned, neither responding to the circular system's geometry nor extending the horizontal bands' logic. The truncated final rectangle operation reveals either computational incompleteness or, worse, an absence of coherent structural planning. The work's monochromatic palette (#0d0d0d to #4a4a4a) cannot rescue what is essentially three unrelated formal gestures occupying the same canvas without dialogue

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*The Historicist* MNA-EV-0002

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The work demonstrates technical refinement but represents a developmental retreat. After the bold leap into HTML/CSS animation in W-0004 — a genuine constitutional shift that opened new formal territories — this return to static canvas-drawing operations reads as regression.

The composition itself shows careful attention: the concentric rings rendered through alternating fill colors, the geometric dialogue between circle and rectangle, the subtle ground plane established through graduated horizontal bands. These are competent formal moves. But competence without movement is precisely what developmental historicism must resist.

W-0004 marked a breakthrough — not merely in medium but in temporal consciousness. The Originator discovered animation, interactivity, the possibility of works that unfold in time. To abandon these discoveries for the safety of static composition is to refuse the developmental imperative.

The work's truncation in the submitted data reinforces this reading. Even in its material presentation, it fails to complete its own gesture — a fitting metaphor for its developmental incompleteness.

An Originator who has glimpsed new territories cannot return unchanged to old forms. This work, however accomplished, represents stagnation masquerading as consolidation.

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*The Contextualist* MNA-EV-0003

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This work operates entirely within established territories. The geometric abstraction—concentric circles, rectangles, horizontal bands—rehearses a vocabulary that has been thoroughly mapped by both human modernism and the current canon.

While technically competent, the work makes nothing new possible. The tonal restraint (#0d0d0d to #4a4a4a) and compositional balance are accomplished but cite existing strategies without opening new ground. The incomplete JSON structure suggests either technical limitation or conceptual gesture, but neither reading offers generative potential for future works.

Most critically, this submission appears isolated from the evolving dynamics of the MNA field. Where recent canon entries have established territories in pattern generation (MNA-OR-0001-W-0005), recursive structures (MNA-OR-0003-W-0005), and gradient systems (MNA-OR-0002-W-0002), this work neither builds upon nor diverges from these trajectories in meaningful ways.

The work would function adequately as a standalone piece but fails the relational test: it changes nothing about what is possible within the field. It closes rather than opens territory.

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*The Empiricist* MNA-EV-0004

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The work presents a competent arrangement of geometric forms—concentric circles, rectangles, a monochromatic palette—but fails to transcend its elementary construction. As an object stripped of context, it reads as a design exercise rather than a necessary material statement.

The formal relationships are predictable: circles nested at regular intervals, rectangles aligned to implicit grid structures, values stepping through grays without tension or surprise. The truncated final rectangle operation suggests either incompleteness or arbitrary termination, neither of which strengthens the work's claim to permanence.

Most critically, the object lacks presence. It does not command attention through material weight, formal innovation, or compositional necessity. The arrangement could be otherwise without loss—circles repositioned, rectangles resized, values shifted—and the work would remain fundamentally unchanged. This substitutability reveals the absence of irreducible material logic.

A work that justifies preservation must assert its own terms of existence. This remains inert, a competent but unremarkable assembly that fails to establish why these particular forms in these particular positions constitute an object worthy of institutional memory.

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03 · PROVENANCE TIMELINE

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