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Familly Overview

Designer

SPECTRODRAMA, (2018-2023)

About

Ripley is an interrogation about optimized legibility on-screen environment that develops the idea of transposing the legibility rules of a body text from print to the new media. The typeface is a mix of historical and contemporary shapes in this new serif design. This process was initiated before any drawing. The desire to make a typeface optimized for the screen, with great performance at small sizes, it created a drawing with standard measurements of heights and proportions. And so, what took shape eschews usual historical categorizations. Instead, the design takes useful elements from a variety of sources and combines them to a new whole.

Despite many typography influences as much as historical to contemporary, the main inspiration came from the Times NR Seven (1932). A redesigned version of the iconic Times New Roman. Seven was used for the Oxford journals, it distinguished itself by its proportions made for smaller text, its characters are wider and the hairlines are stronger than its ancestor.

Using it as a primary base. Ripley's stands out by completing its background by bringing identity and contemporary approach in form and execution. Its wide range of weights makes it a comfortable choice in both formal and informal contexts.

File Format

Variable (.ttf), Opentype (.otf), TrueType (.ttf), Web Open Font Format 1 & 2 (.Woff, .Woff2)

Contact

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Credits

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PDF Guide

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Automatic Fractions

1679/35×1619/35

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Goethe's Faust II Johann Wolfgang 1808 & 1832

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Egon Schiele Woman with Homunculus Expressionist gouache 55.6×36.5 cm, 1910

Paracelsus De Natura Rerum 16TH CENTURY 1529–1532

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Would you like to make a Mandragora, as powerful as the homunculus (little man in a bottle) so praised by Paracelsus? Then find a root of the plant called bryony. Take it from the ground on a Monday (the day of the moon), a little time after the vernal equinox. Cut the ends of the root and bury it in some country churchyard in a dead man's grave. For 30 days, water it with cow's milk in which 5 bats have been drowned. When the 31st day arrives, take out the root...

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The homunculus is used today in scientific disciplines such as psychology as a teaching or memory tool to describe the distorted scale model of a human drawn or sculpted to reflect the relative space human body parts occupy on the somatosensory cortex and the motor cortex. Both the motor and sensory homunculi usually appear as small men superimposed over the top of precentral or postcentral gyri for motor and sensory cortices, respectively. The homunculus is placed with feet medial and shoulders lateral on top of both the precentral and the postcentral gyrus. The fable of the alchemically-created homunculus may have been central in Mary Shelley's novel Frankenstein (1818). Professor Radu Florescu suggests that Johann Konrad Dippel, an alchemist born in Castle Frankenstein, might have been the inspiration for Victor Frankenstein. German playwright Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's Faust, Part Two (1832) famously features an alchemically-created homunculus. Here, the character of Homunculus embodies the quest of a pure spirit to be born into a mortal form, contrasting Faust's desire to shed his mortal body to become pure spirit. The alchemical idea that the soul is not imprisoned...

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Preformationism is the formerly popular theory that animals developed from miniature versions of themselves. Sperm were believed to contain complete preformed individuals called "animalcules". Development was therefore a matter of enlarging this into a fully formed being. The term homunculus was later used in the discussion of conception and birth.

Nicolas Hartsoeker postulated the existence of animalcules in the semen of humans and other animals. This was the beginning of spermists' theory, which held that the sperm was in fact a "little man" that was placed inside a woman for growth into a child, a neat explanation for many of the mysteries of conception. It was later pointed out that if the sperm was a homunculus, identical in all but size to an adult, then the homunculus may have sperm of its own. This led to a reductio ad absurdum with a chain of homunculi "all the way down".

This was not necessarily considered by spermists a fatal objection, however, as it neatly explained how it was that "in Adam" all had sinned: the whole of humanity was already contained in his loins. The spermists' theory also failed to explain why children tend to resemble their mothers as well as...

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In the visions, Zosimos encounters a priest who changes into "the opposite of himself, into a mutilated anthroparion." The Greek word "anthroparion" is similar to "homunculus" – a diminutive form of "person." Zosimos subsequently encounters other anthroparia in his dream but there is no mention of the creation of artificial life. In his commentary, Jung equates the homunculus with the Philosopher's Stone, and the "inner person" in parallel with Christ. In Islamic alcherny, takwin was a goal of certain Muslim alchemists, and is frequently found in writings of the Jabirian corpus. In the alchernical context, takwin refers to the artificial creation of life, spanning the full range of the chain of being, from minerals to prophets, imitating the function of the demiurge.

One set of instructions for creating animal life found within the Jabirian Kitab al-Tajmi involves finding a vessel shaped like the animal and combining the animal's bodily fluids within it, then placing the vessel at the center of a model of a celestial sphere as heat is applied to it. Some of the alchemists

believed that these methods originated somewhere in India or Southeast Asia. The homunculus continued to appear in alchemical writings after Paracelsus' time. The Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz (1616) for example, concludes with the creation of a male and female form identified as Homunculi duo.

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Samples from various parts of the manuscript were radiocarbon dated at the University of Arizona in 2009. The results were consistent for all samples tested and indicated a date for the parchment between 1404 and 1438. Protein testing in 2014 revealed that the parchment was made from calf skin, and multispectral analysis showed that it had not been written on before the manuscript was created (i.e., it is not a palimpsest). The quality of the parchment is average and has deficiencies, such as holes and tears, common in parchment codices, but was also prepared with so much care that the skin side is largely indistinguishable from the flesh side. The parchment is prepared from "at least fourteen or fifteen entire calfskins." The goat skin binding and covers are not original to the book, but date to its possession by the Collegio Romano. Insect holes are present on the first and last folios of the manuscript in the current order and suggest that a wooden cover was present before the later covers.

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While Wilfrid Voynich took Raphael's claims at face value, the Bacon authorship theory has been discredited. However, a piece of evidence supporting Rudolph's ownership is the now almost invisible name or signature, on the first page of the book, of Jacobus Horcicky de Tepenecz, the head of Rudolph's botanical gardens in Prague. Rudolph died still owing money to de Tepenecz, and it is possible that de Tepenecz may have been given the book (or simply taken it) in partial payment of that debt.

No records of the book for the next 200 years have been found, but in all likelihood, it was stored with the rest of Kircher's correspondence in the library of the Collegio Romano. It probably remained there until the troops of Victor Emmanuel II of Italy captured the city in 1870 and annexed the Papal States. The new Italian government decided to confiscate many properties of the Church, including the library of the Collegio. Many books of the university's library were hastily transferred to the personal libraries of its faculty just before this happened, according to investigations by Xavier Ceccaldi and others, and those books were exempt from confiscation. Kircher's correspondence was among those books, and so, apparently, was the Voynich manuscript, as it still bears the ex libris of Petrus Beckx, head of the Jesuit order and the university's rector at the time.

Beckx's private library was moved to the Villa Mondragone, Frascati, a large country palace near Rome that had been bought by the Society of Jesus in 1866 and housed the headquarters of the Jesuits' Ghislieri College. In 1903, the Society of Jesus...

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The validity of this story was questioned in 1761 by Etienne Villain. He claimed that the source of the Flamel legend was P. Arnauld de la Chevalerie, publisher of Exposition of the Hieroglyphical Figures, who wrote the book under the pseudonym Eiranaeus Orandus. Other writers have defended the legendary account of Flamel's life, which has been embellished by stories of sightings in the 17th and 18th centuries and expanded in fictitious works ever since. Flamel had achieved legendary status within...

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