

Temeraire

An historically grounded exploration into salvaged styles, intended for attention, reference, and modern use.

DESIGNED BY

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Quentin Schmerber's Temeraire serif font family was not designed to be invisible. It is a typographic exploration meant to be seen — with its beauty, one could even say *beheld*. While some fonts aim to be as easily ignored as possible, Temeraire is offered as a gift to wide-eyed readers with its anything-but-boring character and its conspicuous inconsistency in styles.

Most type families increase the weight of each character to expand the family. Instead, research into 18th century sources produced Temeraire's wide range of letterforms, from the predictable to the odd and loosely related through time. Each style is designed to work alongside the others but are also standalone homages to specific parts of English lettering tradition: gravestone cutting, writing masters' copper-plates, Italiennes, and others.

Temeraire's Regular style is a contrast-loving Transitional Serif with vertical stress, making it great for period and classic works, ironic pieces, and modern throwbacks. The weight of the Bold squares off the ends of each glyph to give it stability, and the Italic style rings true: flowing, contrasting, and purposefully inconsistent.

Temeraire's Display Black style is one salvaged from expressive gravestone artistry. The details most easily noticed are the 'g' with its descending bowl that has been pressed back up in the centre, and the additional serif on the 't' crossbar that holds its neighbouring character at bay. (The 'g' and 'Q' also have loopless alternates.)

The final style is the Italienne Italic, the horizontally stressed counterpoint to the family. By design its characters flow and bend in ways not in step with the rest of the family. All the weight has been pushed to either hemisphere within each glyph, resulting in a display style that demands space and peacefulness around it so its presence can impress.

Like all TypeTogether families, Temeraire's five styles meet the current designer's needs, including alternates for when the defaults are too boisterous. It works on screens for the audacious designer but truly shines in print. The Temeraire serif font family is resurrected from echoes in time and finds its family relation through impeccable taste.

STYLES

Regular

Italic

Bold

Display Black

Italienne Italic

Estribor
Trafalgar
Galeone
Brigantino
Pirates!

HOLIGOST

Holigost was a carrack, measuring in excess of 98 feet length & 39 feet beam

CARRACK

✦ *Bartolomeo Português, boucanier*

⌚ 'Blackbeard'
1680–1718 † † †

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Triggerfish

FRANÇOIS L'OLONNAIS

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The North Shields shipbuilder (1776–1879)



DISPLAY BLACK 55PT

Rhythm & React

DISPLAY BLACK 50PT

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DISPLAY BLACK 45PT

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DISPLAY BLACK 35PT

Rhythm & Reaction

DISPLAY BLACK 30/36PT

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REGULAR 25/30PT

And now I was on *my journey*,
in a pair of *thick boots* and with

BOLD 25/30PT

And now I was on my journey,
in a pair of thick boots and with

DISPLAY BLACK 25/30PT

And now I was on my journey,
in a pair of thick boots and with

ITALIENNE ITALIC 25/30PT

And now I was on my journey,
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REGULAR 18/24PT

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DISPLAY BLACK 18/24PT

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REGULAR 9/13PT

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REGULAR 10/14PT

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GERMAN 10/13PT

Im speziellen Sinn bezeichnet das Wort Sprache eine bestimmte Einzelsprache wie Deutsch, Japanisch oder Swahili etc. Die gesprochenen Sprachen der Menschheit werden gemäß ihrer genetischen Verwandtschaft in Sprachfamilien gegliedert. Jede einzelne Sprache wird da-

PORTUGUESE 10/13PT

Linguagem pode se referir tanto à capacidade especificamente humana para aquisição e utilização de sistemas complexos de comunicação, quanto a uma instância específica de um sistema de comunicação complexo. O estudo científico da linguagem, em qualquer um de seus sentidos, é chamado linguística.

TURKISH 10/13PT

İnsanlar arasındaki anlaşmayı sağlayan bir araç olarak tanımlanabilir. Bu bağlamda dil, kelimelerden oluşan, yani vücut dili gibi sözlü olmayan iletişim biçimlerinin yanı sıra insanların en etkili iletişim şekli olan sözlü iletişimi tanımlar. Dil, ses dalgaları aracılığıyla akustik olarak

ICELANDIC 10/13PT

Mál er kerfi merkja, tákna, hljóða og orða sem notuð eru saman til þess að lýsa hugtökum, hugmyndum, merkingum og hugsunum. Málfræðingar eru þeir sem að rannsaka mál, en í nútímanum var málfræði fyrst kynnt sem vísindagrein af Ferdinand de Saussure. Þeir sem að tala

FRENCH 10/13PT

Les gestes sont la méthode de communication la plus connue, utilisée par diverses espèces dont l'ensemble des primates. C'est également le cas des abeilles et leurs danses: lorsqu'une abeille exploratrice revient vers sa ruche après avoir trouvé une source de nectar, elle peut

NORWEGIAN 10/13PT

Et språk er et dynamisk sett av synlige, hørbare eller følbare symboler for kommunikasjon og elementer som brukes for å manipulere dem. Språk kan også henviser til bruken av slike systemer som et generelt fenomen. Eksempler på språk er naturlig språk (menneskelige enkeltspråk,

SWEDISH 10/13PT

Språk eller tungomål är en del av olika system för kommunikation, som används av människor och som vi börjar tillägna stora bitar av redan under våra första levnadsår. Barn lär sig använda språk lika naturligt, som de lär sig att gå. Språket kommuniceras exempelvis via talat språk,

SPANISH 10/13PT

Un lenguaje (del provenzal lenguatge y del latín lingua) es un sistema de comunicación estructurado para el que existe un contexto de uso y ciertos principios combinatorios formales. Existen contextos tanto naturales como artificiales. Desde un punto de vista más amplio, el len-

CZECH 10/13PT

Vědecký obor zabývající se zkoumáním jazyka se nazývá lingvistika. Otázky týkající se filosofie jazyka byly pokládány již ve starověkém Řecku, byly zde otázky typu zda mohou slova reprezentovat zkušenost nebo motivovanost obsahu slov, konkrétními památkami jsou například

ITALIAN 10/13PT

Il linguaggio, in linguistica, è il complesso definito di suoni, gesti e movimenti attraverso il quale si attiva un processo di comunicazione. La facoltà di rappresentare mentalmente un significato è presente in molte specie di animali, tra le quali l'essere umano. La capacità di elaborare e produrre un

POLISH 10/13PT

Język służy do przedstawiania rzeczywistości dotyczącej przedmiotów, czynności czy abstrakcyjnych pojęć za pomocą znaków. Zbiór znaków w języku jest otwarty. Wynika to z faktu, że znakiem językowym jest każdy tekst, każda sformułowana wypowiedź, posiadająca znaczenie. Jednostka

FINNISH 10/13PT

Kieli on järjestelmä, jossa ihminen ilmaisee ajatukset kielellisillä merkeillä, abstraktioilla. Näitä merkkejä nimitetään kielellisiksi ilmauksiksi. Puhutuissa kielissä kuuluvia (auditivisia) merkkejä tuotetaan puhe-elimillä. Kirjoitetussa kielessä kielelliset ilmaukset on tehty silmin nähtä-

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ALL SMALL CAPS

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LIGATURES

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DISCRETIONARY LIGATURES

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Victory, Nightingale ...
Triggerfish

PROPORTIONAL OLDSTYLE FIGURES

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PROPORTIONAL LINING FIGURES (DEFAULT)

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ARBITRARY FRACTIONS

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SUPERIOR/INFERIOR

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ORDINALS

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SS 03 (ALTERNATES)

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SS 04 (ARROWS)

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SS 05 (SYMBOLS)

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SS 06 (ORNAMENTS)

a b c d e f g h i
j k l m n o p q

SS 07 (ALTERNATES, DISPLAY BLACK ONLY)

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TURKISH/AZERI/CRIMEAN TATAR

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ROMANIAN/MOLDAVIAN

Muțumesc, MULȚUMESC Muțumesc, MULȚUMESC
Timiș, TIMIȘ Timiș, TIMIȘ

CATALAN

Il·lusió, CAL·LIGRAFIA Il·lusió, CALLIGRAFIA

CONTEXTUAL ALTERNATES

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Ag gy gj kg qg gg

UPPERCASE

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LOWERCASE

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FIGURES & CURRENCY

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SUPERSCRIPTS

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ORDINALS

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PUNCTUATION

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SYMBOLS

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MATH SYMBOLS

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COMBINING DIACRITICAL MARKS

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SUPPORTED LATIN LANGUAGES

Afaan Oromo, Afar, Albanian, Alsatian, Amis, Anuta, Aragonese, Aranese, Aromanian, Arrernte, Arvanitic (Latin), Asturian, Atayał, Aymara, Basque, Belarusian (Latin), Bemba, Bikol, Bislama, Bosnian, Breton, Cape Verdean Creole, Catalan, Cebuano, Chamorro, Chavacano, Chichewa, Chickasaw, Cimbrian, Cofán, Corsican, Creek, Crimean Tatar (Latin), Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dawan, Delaware, Dholuo, Drehu, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Fijian, Filipino, Finnish, French, Frisian, Friulian, Gagauz (Latin), Galician, Ganda, Genoese, German, Gikuyu, Gooniyandi, Greenlandic (Kalaallisut), Guadeloupean Creole, Gwich'in, Haitian Creole, Hän, Hawaiian, Hiligaynon, Hopi, Hotçak (Latin), Hungarian, Icelandic, Ido, Igbo, Ilocano, Indonesian, Interglossa, Interlingua, Irish, Istro-Romanian, Italian, Jamaican, Javanese (Latin), Jèrriais, Kaingang, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kapampangan (Latin), Kaqchikel, Karakalpak (Latin), Karelian (Latin), Kashubian, Kikongo, Kinyarwanda, Kiribati, Kirundi, Kurdish (Latin), Ladin, Latin, Latvian, Lithuanian, Lojban, Lombard, Low Saxon, Luxembourgish, Maasai, Makhuwa, Malay, Maltese, Manx, Māori, Marquesan, Megleno-Romanian, Meriam Mir, Mirandese, Mohawk, Moldovan, Montagnais, Montenegrin, Murrinh-Patha, Nagamese Creole, Ndebele, Neapolitan, Ngiyambaa, Niuean, Noongar, Norwegian, Novial, Occidental, Occitan, Oshiwambo, Ossetian (Latin), Palauan, Papiamentu, Piedmontese, Polish, Portuguese, Potawatomi, Q'eqchi', Quechua, Rarotongan, Romanian, Romansh, Rotokas, Sami (Inari Sami), Sami (Lule Sami), Sami (Northern Sami), Sami (Southern Sami), Samoan, Sango, Saramaccan, Sardinian, Scottish Gaelic, Serbian (Latin), Seri, Seychellois Creole, Shawnee, Shona, Sicilian, Silesian, Slovak, Slovenian, Slovio (Latin), Somali, Sorbian (Lower Sorbian), Sorbian (Upper Sorbian), Sotho (Northern), Sotho (Southern), Spanish, Sranan, Sundanese (Latin), Swahili, Swazi, Swedish, Tagalog, Tahitian, Tetum, Tok Pisin, Tokelauan, Tongan, Tshiluba, Tsonga, Tswana, Tumbuka, Turkish, Turkmen (Latin), Tuvaluan, Tzotzil, Uzbek (Latin), Venetian, Vepsian, Volapük, Vöro, Wallisian, Walloon, Waray-Waray, Warlpiri, Wayuu, Welsh, Wik-Mungkan, Wiradjuri, Wolof, Xavante, Xhosa, Yapese, Yindjibarndi, Zapotec, Zulu, Zuni, ...

EXTENDED TYPOGRAPHIC FEATURES

Basic ligatures, discretionary ligatures, small caps, 5 sets of figures (oldstyle, lining, tabular lining, tabular oldstyle, and small caps), basic and arbitrary fractions, superiors & inferiors, language specific alternates, ordinals, class kerning, case sensitive characters, arrows and ornaments, ...

THE DESIGNERS

Currently based in London, **Quentin Schmerber** maintains an active freelance practice in the fields of type design, printed matter, and lettering. He graduated with a Bachelor's in graphic design from the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Strasbourg, France. Quentin then acquired a master's Degree from the École Supérieure d'Art et Design

in Amiens where he also attended the Esad Type programme. His graduation typeface, Temeraire, was awarded by TypeTogether's Typeface Publishing Incentive Programme in 2016 and released in 2018. In his spare time, Quentin works on self-initiated projects, writes about design and typography, tries to practice sign painting, watches B-movies, or reads comics.

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- Selected by French magazine *Étapes* for the 2016 Diploma Issue.

- Selected for the 2016 exhibition 'Pangramme: learning type design'.

- Shortlisted at the 47th Club des Directeurs Artistiques in March 2016.

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TEXT CREDITS

As I walked out one midsummer morning,
by Laurie Lee (London, 1969).
Wilt, by Tom Sharpe (1976).
Foot-path way, by Bradford Torrey (Boston, 1892).
'Rhythm & Reaction' gets under the skin of a British love affair with American jazz, in *Eye Magazine* blog.

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