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...the story is the heart of everything. People, community and nations all have a story. Listening to stories is the way of the world. Seeing them, absorbing them, is one of the most powerful and beautiful evocations of human experience. We listen to studios, producers, directors and actors to evince extraordinary visualizations of cinema. Brands, logos, writing, packaging. Since 1979.





is the beginning of the story; people read first to gather the nature of the film. It's the opening reach to the audience.

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GIRVII

A powerfully created title can work as the sole element of a teaser campaign, from Beowulf to Unforgiven, from Last Samurai to Tomb Raider – the intentional design sets an emotional stage.

It's the key that's never forgotten

- the logo can be on the director's hat,
the first launch element and the final
detail in the closing run of the film in
print promotions and sequels.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF

BENJAMIN BUTTON

Impressions: Create a sense of time, place, style, materials and texture,

in identity for David Fincher.

Character: Seek the visual metaphors of the evolving age, setting time,

the film and illusion of progression.

Identity: Excavate the typographic spirit of that time: the past, present

and future - yet undiscovered.









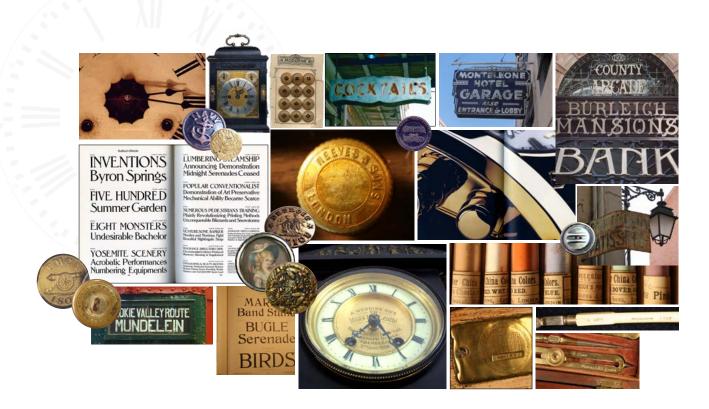














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THE MATRIX

Impressions: Partner closely with the Wachowski brothers to build a new vision

of comic and spectacle storytelling in cinema brand design.

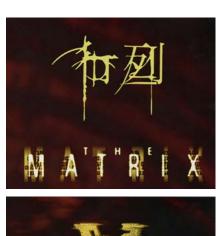
Character: Innovate the edge of graphical and comical brand design interface.

Identity: Design a new alphabet, sino, greco-roman, digital font that breaks

the reality – from the real, to the Matrix.

















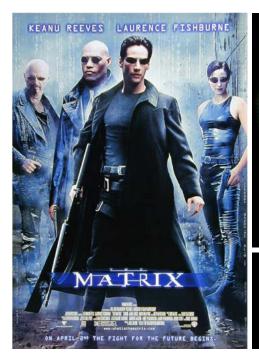














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BEOWULF

Impressions: Robert Zemeckis's classic retelling of the ancient legend, utilizing leading

edge computer graphics technology. GIRVIN's work entailed reaching into the heart of the myth, and the time, and rebuilding an identity more than

one thousand years old, captured for the 21st century.

Character: Combing libraries and museums, as well having a close connection to the

production design and animation team, lent a unique collaboration between

art, history and technology.

Identity: Build an iconic treatment relating to the heraldic dragon device that later

could be used separately, or conjoined in the complete master logo art.































LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

Impressions: Working with the despicable author, Mr. Snicket, as well as the dreary

studio and production design crew, GIRVIN dove deep into the spectacularly gloomy world of that place riddled with events of irksome calamity and ill fortune.

Character: Embracing the books, the sense of place created in production design, as

well as iconography from the story (eye!), we created a design that could've been a sign, or a book cover, or – sadly – just as well, the logo for a movie.

Identity: Building the identity was one component of the visual strategy – a title

of laboriously overwrought length (imagine all those words) – but then dimensionalizing it was another. That logo, what's it made of? Our challenge, indeed. The key to Snicket's sensibilities (and challenges, too) is the eye – and we were brought on early, to explore and define the telling icon that sees all (evilly) in the telling.









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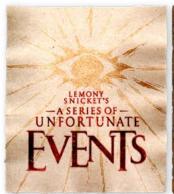
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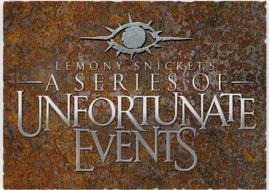
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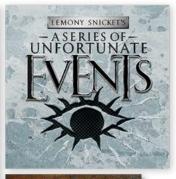


















STAR TREK

Impressions: Working directly for J.J. Abrams, we focused on rebuilding the structure

of the original Roddenberry alphabet from the 60s.

Character: The Abrams visioning was focused on retelling the galactic adventure by

prequel. GIRVIN worked on exploring subtly modernizing the font and

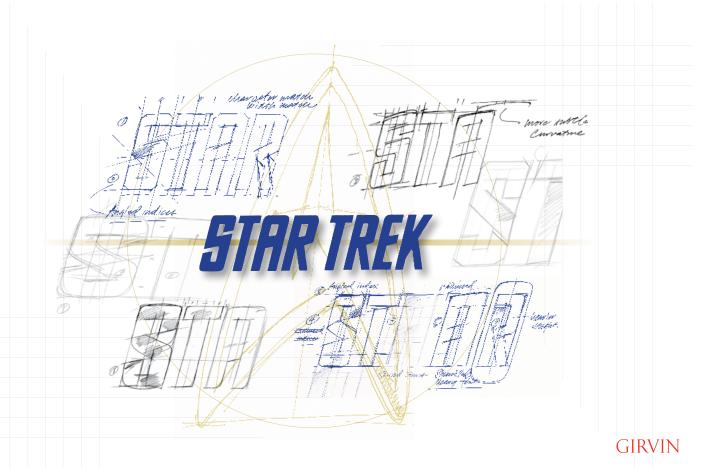
creating slimmer and slightly more fast forward evolutions.

Identity: Adding dimensional treatments, shines and lustre created further

impressions of the badge-like strategy of the brand.







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TOMB RAIDER:

Impressions: Working from our earlier exposure as gaming designers to the Tomb Raider

premise, we returned to build out the logo design as spectacle - a reflection

of adventure.

Character: One level of the form consisted of creating a dimensional vocabulary,

then we considered the sequence of storytelling from game to first offering

and then franchising the series as a design system.

Identity: We built yet another layer of experience by extensively exploring the cradle

symbolism – from vapor to sphere, from luminosity to ripple.

































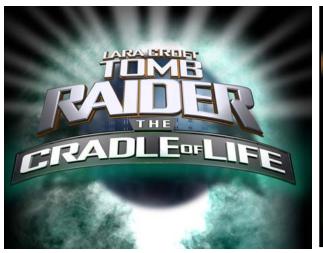


























M: I: I I I MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3

Impressions: Working under the direction of Tom Cruise, as well as the stylistic

impressions of J.J. Abrams, we rebuilt the structure of the classic

monogram and worked on full titling treatments.

Character: GIRVIN worked on every treatment of Mission: Impossible since the

series inception.

Identity: Creating a sense of dimension, as well as illumination and glare details adds

to the power of the momentum in this thriller.



















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TIM BURTON'S SLEEPY HOLLOW

Impressions: Our team developed treatments that spoke to the time period.

We researched gravestones and signing details, as well as studied

Burton's sketches for scenic design.

Character: Using a fine metal pen with a splayed tip, drawn very small, we created

the master art, enlarged it to poster dimensions to brings out the detail

of the tiny script.

In the styling of later 18th century hand script, yet imbued with a touch

of madness, the legend was reborn in a new construction of myth-making.







OTHER SAMPLES

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