
Giorgio Sans

Rather than drawing from the high-fashion Art Deco influences seen in the serif, Giorgio Sans was inspired by more everyday sources such as French enamel signs and generic straight-sided American sign lettering from the early 20th century.

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16 STYLES

8 WEIGHTS W/ ITALICS

FEATURESTABULAR LINING FIGURES
TITLING CAPITALS
PREBUILT FRACTIONS

The extreme x-height helps to differentiate Giorgio Sans from other straight-sided sans serifs; this and the straight-sided bowls connect the sans back to its serif companion. In addition to the structural and proportional similarities, some of the distinctive details from Giorgio were brought into Giorgio Sans in order to allow the two faces to be mixed in interesting ways. One example is the alternate italic lowercase with more traditional cursive tails, echoing the more extreme tails in the serif. An early version of the face had a set of perfectly circular alternate round caps, which created really interesting rhythms and textures in lines of copy. Although these weren't used in any of the T layouts, they made their way into the eventual release.

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EXIT CDGOQX
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GIORGIO SANS TITLING ALTERNATES, 16 PT

Like Giorgio, Giorgio Sans was designed in part to echo prevailing trends in fashion. The sans was drawn at a time when many fashion designers were sending strange experiments with proportion and silhouette down the runway, which inspired this set of circular titling caps that dramatically change the texture of words, breaking the strict series of verticals with a dramatic interplay between wide and narrow and between flat and round. The wide X is an homage to the quirky "EXIT" signs common in the New York City Subway before the signage program by Massimo Vignelli was implemented in the 1960s.

Preconsiderations

KYRKSÆTERØRA

Oversophisticated

GIORGIO SANS THIN, THIN ITALIC, 100 PT [TITLING ALTERNATE Ø]

Stereographically

MINIATURIZATIONS

Parancsnokságát

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT, EXTRALIGHT ITALIC, 100 PT

Parallélogramme
BLÁSKÓGABYGGÐ
Rangárvallasýsla

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT, LIGHT ITALIC, 100 PT

John Baskerville
PRIPOVIJEDANJA
Incompatibilities

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 100 PT

Herausgebildet
KNIGHTSBRIDGE
Beaubassin-Est

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 100 PT

Contemporary
SØRUMSAND!
Gießmaschine

GIORGIO SANS BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 100 PT [TITLING CAPITALS, ALTERNATE ITALIC a h i m n B]

Magnacavallo
GOVERNMENTS
Fushë-Bulqizë

GIORGIO SANS HEAVY, HEAVY ITALIC, 100 PT

Hilvarenbeek
CROMSTRIJEN
South Kenton

GIORGIO SANS BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 100 PT

EUSKALTZAINDIKO LEHEN
Myndighetsuppgifterna?

GIORGIO SANS THIN, 75 PT

UNCOMPARTMENTALIZES
Anthropologists in denial

GIORGIO SANS THIN ITALIC, 75 PT

POLITIKAI INDÍTTATÁSBÓL
Gebietskörperschaften

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT, 75 PT

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
The Noninterventionists

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT ITALIC, 75 PT

MITTELHOCHDEUTSCHE
Bibliothèque Nationale!

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT, 75 PT

VORGÄNGERSPRACHEN
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT ITALIC, 75 PT [ALTERNATE R G a d l m n u]

CACOPHONIOUS
Zvlášť vypravováním

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR, 75 PT [TITLING CAPITALS]

UNCONSTITUTIONALITY
Internal Infrastructure

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR ITALIC, 75 PT [ALTERNATE a f l n u]

TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE
Administrative areas

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM, 75 PT [ALTERNATE G & R]

NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS
In the late fall of 1958

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM ITALIC, 75 PT

SIXTY QUESTIONS
Chatrného příbytku

GIORGIO SANS BOLD, 75 PT [TITLING CAPITALS]

BYZANTINE EMPEROR
Municipal Engineers

GIORGIO SANS BOLD ITALIC, 75 PT

MODULARKITEKTUR
September 5, 2008

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM, 75 PT [ALTERNATE R]

ELEPHANT & CASTLE
Northamptonshire

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM ITALIC, 75 PT

ACQUAVIVA PICENA
Euston to Borough

GIORGIO SANS BOLD, 75 PT

DÉCENTRALISATION
Çorovodë, Albania

GIORGIO SANS BOLD ITALIC, 75 PT

There are 16,470 households in the area
 AZ ERDŐ FELŐL ÉLES SZÉL CSAPOTT ALÁ
 The spectacle's estrangement from the

GIORGIO SANS THIN, 45 PT

About 5.4 million people reside in Finland
 WIE, KIEDY ZZA KTÓREGO WĘGLA WYJRZY
His work represents a transitional period

GIORGIO SANS THIN ITALIC, 45 PT

The Zwanenburgwal is a famous canal
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS OF BULGARIA
 Jeffersonian architecture, 1790s-1830s

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT, 45 PT

En este pueblo no hay ladrones (1965)
 ZACHODNIOŚŁOWIAŃSKICH WYODREBNIŁ
A magyar nyelv hatása más nyelvekre

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT ITALIC, 45 PT [ALTERNATE a h k l m n]

The general separation of worker and
NIJMEGEN, RIJSWIJK, ACHTKARSPELEN
Ste-Marie-St-Raphael, New Brunswick

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT, 45 PT

Parc de la Tête d'Or, Cité Internationale
EXTRACTING OF SOLUBLE SUBSTANCES
Standardized method for brewing tea

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT ITALIC, 45 PT

Due to the very success of this work
ZMIANY UKSZTAŁTOWANIA DIALEKTÓW
È una frase soltanto, che tuttavia per

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR, 45 PT

Maintains consistent test procedure
POSTMODERNIST ARCHITECTURE
Though separated from productions

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR ITALIC, 45 PT

Regions are led by directly elected
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
A magyar nyelvjárás különbségek

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM, 45 PT

En Buenos Aires existen alrededor
YHTEISKUNNALLINEN LEVOTTOMUUS
Perpendicular Period architecture

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM ITALIC, 45 PT [ALTERNATE a d f h i l n u]

Tra i numerosi tratti che l'italiano
WYSOCZYŻNA BIAŁOSTOCKA
Categories such as public health

GIORGIO SANS BOLD, 45 PT

Study of Linguistic Anthropology
RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT DISTRICT
Poitou-Charentes, Midi-Pyrénées

GIORGIO SANS BOLD ITALIC, 45 PT

**From Georgetown to Bratislava
TEMPERATURER OCH NEDERBÖRD
Die Technik der Schriftgießerei**

GIORGIO SANS HEAVY, 45 PT

***The city council of Washington
EMIL KNOEVENAGEL, (1865–1921)
Integral of the secant function***

GIORGIO SANS HEAVY ITALIC, 45 PT [ALTERNATE a f h i l n u]

**Búðardalur, Hveragerði, Flúðir
MONTE SAN GIOVANNI IN SABINA
Population in 1967: 23,870,500**

GIORGIO SANS BLACK, 45 PT

***Urban subdivision of Montreal
DERIVATION OF THE PROJECTION
The Icelandic coastal weather***

GIORGIO SANS BLACK ITALIC, 45 PT

Steenwijkerland, Cranendonck

GIORGIO SANS THIN, 60 PT

Skeiða- og Gnúpverjahreppur

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT, 60 PT [ALTERNATE R a d i l m n]

Adolf Otto Reinhold Windaus

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT, 60 PT

Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR, 60 PT

Mynämäki, Ristijärvi, Kemi

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM, 60 PT

Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg

GIORGIO SANS BOLD, 60 PT [ALTERNATE g]

Queensway to Vauxhall

GIORGIO SANS HEAVY, 60 PT

Beregazzo con Figliaro

GIORGIO SANS BLACK, 60 PT

Southampton, Oxford, Preston

GIORGIO SANS THIN ITALIC, 60 PT

Reimerswaal, Smallingerland

GIORGIO SANS EXTRALIGHT ITALIC, 60 PT [ALTERNATE R a d g i l m n]

Heerhugowaard, Groesbeek

GIORGIO SANS LIGHT ITALIC, 60 PT

Kyrksæterøra, Storsteinnes

GIORGIO SANS REGULAR ITALIC, 60 PT

Schiermonnikoog, Tilburg

GIORGIO SANS MEDIUM ITALIC, 60 PT

Eugène-Melchior Péligot

GIORGIO SANS BOLD ITALIC, 60 PT [ALTERNATE h i l n u]

Humberside, Cleveland

GIORGIO SANS HEAVY, 60 PT

Casalvecchio di Puglia

GIORGIO SANS BLACK, 60 PT

OPENTYPE FEATURES
ROMAN & ITALIC

ALL CAPS

TITLING ALTERNATES
C D G O Q X and relatedPROPORTIONAL LINING
default figuresFRACTIONS
prebuilt fractions onlySTYLISTIC SET 01
R G q & and relatedSTYLISTIC SET 02
Q R g &, italic k and relatedSTYLISTIC SET 03
&**OPENTYPE FEATURES**
ITALIC ONLYSTYLISTIC SET 04
f B and relatedSTYLISTIC SET 05
a d f h i k l m n u B and related**DEACTIVATED**

Fish & 'Chips' for ¿24.65?

MODE EXCITING QUIT

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SUPPORTED LANGUAGES

Afrikaans, Albanian, Asturian, Basque, Breton, Bosnian, Catalan, Cornish, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Finnish, French, Galician, German, Greenlandic, Guarani, Hawaiian, Hungarian, Ibo, Icelandic, Indonesian, Irish, Gaelic, Italian, Kurdish, Latin, Latvian, Lithuanian, Livonian, Malagasy, Maltese, Maori, Moldavian, Norwegian, Occitan, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Romansch, Saami, Samoan, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish (Castilian), Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, Walloon, Welsh, Wolof

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ABOUT THE DESIGNER

Christian Schwartz (born 1977), is a type designer and typography consultant based in New York City and with Paul Barnes is a partner in Commercial Type. A graduate of the Communication Design program at Carnegie Mellon University, Schwartz first worked at MetaDesign Berlin, developing typefaces for Volkswagen and logos for a number of corporations. He then returned to the US and joined the design staff at The Font Bureau, Inc., working for a wide range of corporate and publication clients.

Schwartz set out on his own in 2001, first forming Orange Italic with product designer Dino Sanchez and Schwartzco Inc. in 2006. He has released fonts with Village, FontFont, House Industries, and digital type pioneers Emigre. Many of Schwartz's typefaces have been proprietary designs for publications, including the *The New York Times*, the US edition of *Esquire*, Roger Black's redesign of the *Houston Chronicle*, and the extensive Guardian Egyptian family, with Paul Barnes, for *The Guardian's* celebrated new look in 2005. Schwartz has also designed typefaces for corporations including Bosch and Deutsche Bahn, both with design luminary Erik Spiekermann, reinsurance giant Munich Re, with Kai Bernau and Susana Carvalho of Atelier Carvalho Bernau, and the Empire State Building, also with Barnes.

Schwartz was awarded the prestigious Prix Charles Peignot in 2007, given every four or five years to a designer under 35 who has made "an outstanding contribution to the field of type design" by the Association Typographique Internationale. As part of the redesign team for *The Guardian*, Schwartz and Barnes were shortlisted for the Designer of the Year prize by the Design Museum in London. The pair were named two of the 40 most influential designers under 40 by *Wallpaper** in 2006, and Schwartz was included in *Time* magazine's 2007 "Design 100". Also in 2007, Schwartz and Spiekermann received a gold medal from the German Design Council (Rat für Formgebung) for their Deutsche Bahn typeface system. Schwartz's typefaces have been honored by the Smithsonian's Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, the New York Type Director's Club, and the International Society of Typographic Designers, and his work with Barnes has been honored by D&AD.