

BENICIATM

A creative blend of typographic influences.

Designed by Jim Parkinson

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**Letters
are symbols
which turn matter
into spirit.**

—Alphonse de Lamartine

Inter Scientias non minima est Typographica

*from a broadside printed by the press of
Widmanstetter, Graz (Austria) circa 1675*

Story

In the mid-1970s, Roger Black and Jim Parkinson worked on making a font family for Rolling Stone® magazine. It was largely based on ATF Jenson, which has a mechanical, geometric edge to it. When Bodoni's typefaces were reinterpreted for the industrial age, they lost much of their beauty and became stiff and mechanical, similar to what happened when Nicholas Jenson's type became ATF Jenson.

About 20 years and many typeface designs later, Parkinson went back to the original Jenson types as the touchstone informing the design of Benicia with the intention of making the design less rigid than ATF Jenson. The result is a typeface descending from a rich typographic history* with modern design features that is brilliant in text settings. Benicia has four styles: Medium, Bold, and their italic cousins.

Use Benicia to give a contemporary feeling with hints of old style to passages of text in books, magazines, blogs, newsletters, brochures, and more.

*Speaking of history, Benicia is named after a small town on the eastern edge of San Francisco Bay, not very far from Richmond, California, where Parkinson was born. Fun fact: Benicia served as California's first state capital, well, for a little while.

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Benicia has 4 styles: Medium, Medium Italic, ExtraBold, and ExtraBold Italic

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Formats Available: OpenType (OTF), Truetype (TTF), and Webfonts (WOFF, WOFF2)

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Language Support

Benicia supports the following 202 languages:

Acheron, Achinese, Afar, Afrikaans, Alekano, Alonquin, Amahuaca, Amarakaeri, Amis, Anaang, Andaandi (Dongolawi), Anuta, Aragonese, Arbëreshë Albanian, Asháninka, Ashéninka Perené, Balinese, Banjar, Basque, Batak Dairi, Batak Karo, Batak Mandailing, Batak Simalungun, Batak Toba, Bemba (Zambia), Bena (Tanzania), Bikol, Bislama, Borana-Arsi-Guji Oromo, Breton, Buginese, Candoshi-Shapra, Caquinte, Caribbean Hindustani, Cashibo-Cacataibo, Catalan, Cebuano, Central Aymara, Chamorro, Chavacano, Chiga, Chiltepec Chinantec, Chokwe, Chuukese, Cofán, Cornish, Corsican, Danish, Dehu, Eastern Arrernte, Eastern Oromo, English, Faroese, Fijian, Filipino, Finnish, French, Friulian, Galician, Garifuna, German, Gheg Albanian, Gilbertese, Gooniyandi, Guadeloupean Creole French, Gusii, Haitian, Hani, Hiligaynon, Hopi, Huastec, Icelandic, Iloko, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Ixcatlán Mazatec, Jamaican Creole English, Japanese, Javanese, K'iche', Kabuverdianu, Kalaallisut, Kalenjin, Kaonde, Kekchí, Kenzi (Mattokki), Khasi, Kimbundu, Kinyarwanda, Kituba (DRC), Kongo, Konzo, Kven Finnish, Ladino, Lombard, Low German, Luba-Lulua, Luo (Kenya and Tanzania), Luxembourgish, Makonde, Malagasy, Malaysian, Manx, Maore Comorian, Mapudungun, Mauritian Creole, Meriam Mir, Meru, Minangkabau, Mohawk, Murrinh-Patha, Mwani, Mískito, Naga Pidgin, Ndonga, Neapolitan, Ngazidja Comorian, Nobiin, Nomatsiguenga, North

Ndebele, Northern Qiandong Miao, Northern Uzbek, Norwegian, Nyankole, Occitan, Ojtlán Chinantec, Orma, Oroqen, Pampanga, Papantla Totonac, Papiamentu, Pedi, Pichis Ashéninka, Piemontese, Pijin, Pintupi-Luritja, Pipil, Pohnpeian, Portuguese, Potawatomi, Purepecha, Quechua, Romansh, Rotokas, Rundi, Sango, Sangu (Tanzania), Saramaccan, Sardinian, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Sena, Seri, Seselwa Creole French, Shawnee, Shipibo-Conibo, Shona, Sicilian, Soga, Somali, Soninke, South Ndebele, Southern Aymara, Southern Qiandong Miao, Southern Sami, Spanish, Sranan Tongo, Standard Estonian, Standard Malay, Sundanese, Swahili, Swedish, Swiss German, Tagalog, Tedim Chin, Tetum, Tetun Dili, Tok Pisin, Tonga (Zambia), Tosk Albanian, Tumbuka, Tzeltal, Tzotzil, Uab Meto, Upper Guinea Crioulo, Venetian, Vöro, Walloon, Waray (Philippines), Warlpiri, Wayuu, West Central Oromo, Western Abnaki, Western Frisian, Wiradjuri, Xhosa, Yanesha', Yucateco, Zapotec, Zulu, Záparo

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