GRAPHIC DESIGNWeek 13 Options

San Serif Typography Paula Scher

Aim: To study the artist's style and technique to help you further develop knowledge, understanding and skills using san serif typography.

Deadline: One week homework

Task: You are to produce an imaginative two A4 sides looking at the work of Paula Scher.

Week 13: As discussed in previous lessons, the next homework project will provide you with the opportunity to explore a style/movement, which you have successfully explored previously on the course, therefore completing another homework project in a similar style will play to each of your individual strengths.

Paula Scher has been making and breaking rules in the world of graphic design for the last four decades. She's collaborated with some of the world's most influential companies – think Windows, Bloomberg and Coca Cola – but also played a key role in the music industry, at one point turning out 150 record sleeves a year.

Paula Scher links

https://www.behance.net/PaulaScher

https://www.itsnicethat.com/features/paula-scher-graphic-design-151117

https://99designs.co.uk/blog/famous-design/paula-scher-titan-of-postmodern-design/

https://www.pentagram.com/work/the-public-theater/story

https://www.posterhouse.org/paula-scher-living-legend/

Task A - Research

Write 250 words (size 10pt) of biographical information on the influential designer Paula Scher and your analysis/thoughts on her style and techniques used. Include small thumbnail images of her designs. Present on tracing paper flap. Visit 'Guide to writing about designs' https://online.godalming.ac.uk/mod/resource/view.php?id=70171

Remember to use San Serif typefaces for Tasks B and C e.g. Helvetica, Impact, Franklin Gothic, Alternate Gothic etc.

Task B – (Side 1) Create 1 digital copy - Present the copy as part of side 1. Leave space on side 1 for some of your own versions (see Task C) (for reference images, visit the links above to see a broad range of her designs)

You are to create 1 copy of a Paula Scher typography design. You are to show the step by step process of how you created your copy. You could use 'screenshots' or the 'snipping tool' to show each stage of your process, clearly showing how you have created the copy. Include annotation to explain what you have done and how you have created the copy.

Task C – (Side 1 and 2) Create a series of your own versions, in the style of Paula Scher and present across side 1 and 2

(for reference images, visit the links above to see a broad range of their designs)

Fill Side 1 and Side 2 - you are to create a series of your own typography versions inspired by the work of Paula Scher. The theme for your designs will be about you as a designer, where you are from and your creative interests. For your own versions, you are to create at least 5 designs, using Adobe Illustrator and/or Photoshop – use a range of dimensions for your designs (small, medium, large) to fill the remaining space on side 1 and all of side 2.

Below are instructions on how to structure your analysis.

Analysis Tips

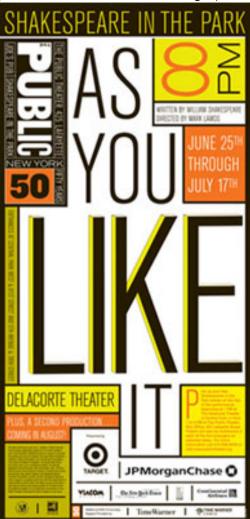
- Analyse the characteristics of the shapes and colours, for example; the bold, striking, dynamic...
- Discuss the moods and emotions this evokes...
- Ask yourself how you feel about the work, and what do you think the artist wants you to think/feel?
- Include quotes from the artist.

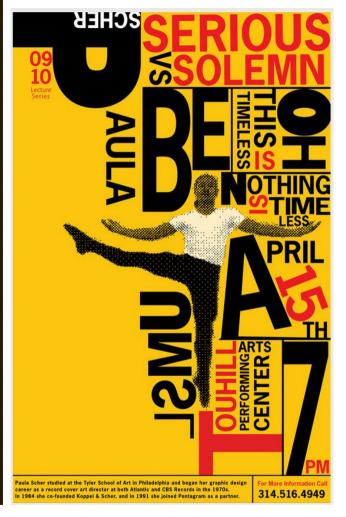
Phrases starting points

- I think the artist evokes a sense/ of...
 (energy/space) through the use of (bright/rhythmic/colours/shapes).
- For me, the key to this work is the....
- The use of strong bold colours of the shapes emphasises the...

Examples of Paula Scher designs (visit the links provided on first page of brief to see more of her designs):



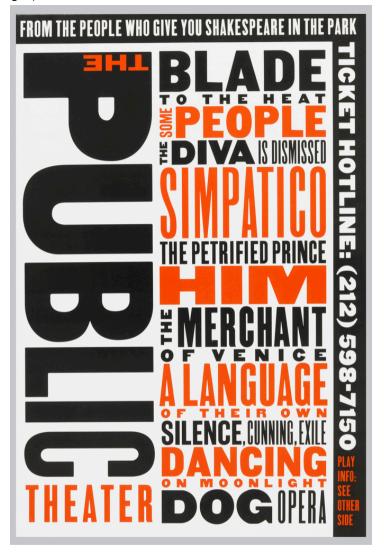




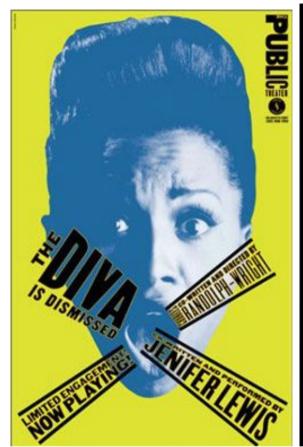
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Examples of Paula Scher tasks:

Artist copy:

To recreate this artist's work I first had to get the uncopiable sections of the poster. To start with I took the original poster into Photoshop and worked on removing the text until I had the original face for the background (1&2). From there I took the image back into illustrator, matched the background colour and worked on creating and adding the text (3&4). I used several different tools to change the perspective and style of the text when trying to match the font on the poster. I enjoyed working with Photoshop to remove the text as it was quite a challenge and I like the outcome that I got.









