Jerusalem Art Festival Brand Identity

Random Encounters



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Such a powerful word, resonates a different meaning to each one. It is probably one of the strongest brands n the world.

Jerusalem is the founding place of the three most major religions-Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Every street sign throughout the city must include three languages: Hebrew, English, and Arabic- the only place in the world with this mandate.



The Complexity

Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and even an Armenian quarter. Religious, secular and atheists.

A city that proudly hosts the gay parade in spite of counties criticism. One of the coolest cities yet the oldest and most traditional.



os. The Festival

Lynn Schusterman, an affluent American philanthropist, and one of Jerusalem's biggest donors, founded The Jerusalem Season of Culture to change the perception of Jerusalem through Art. Lynn asked herself how can I execute my vision and really help the city? She created Mekudeshet (the Hebrew word for "sacred"), a two-week long festival bridging the diverse residents and visitors through the collaboration of 250 artists, speakers and performers from 17 countries worldwide.

The flagship event, "Dissolving Boundaries" are organized tours throughout the city's various quarters with inhabitants across the city acting as tour guides who want to bring about change and dissolve the borders.

Each year, we take this brand and approach it in a new way, connected to the current festival theme or content.

This year we went for an OPEN journey with an OPEN mind.



The Creative Process

We looked for the creative solution across the city and its streets. We observed and realized that one of the things that make this city so one of a kind is- Random Encounters.

This unique city allows beautiful, diverse, complex encounters on a day to day basis. Those encounters take such a meaningful part of the Jerusalem spirit. So we built a digital generator which randomly links words, images, and sounds from a database of materials we have collected during our inspirational journey in the city.





os. The People

We invited designers from diverse backgrounds to come and create together.

Each designer was asked to take their turn with the generator and create whatever comes to mind inspired by the random encounter they got.













The creative output

a random pairing the design









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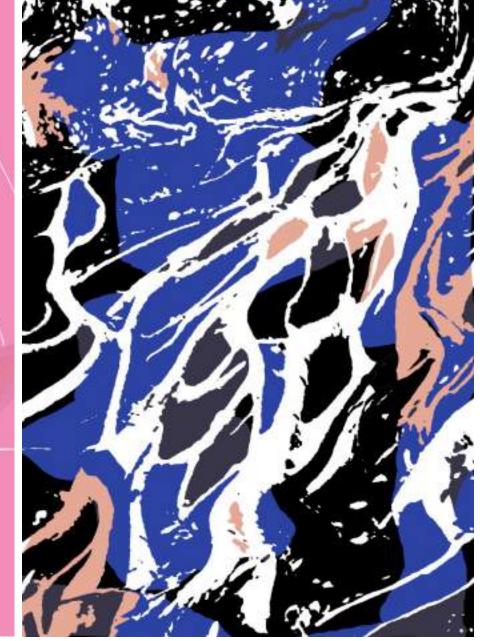
The editing and curation process were key element in the success of the design. We chose two images each time for each application in order to represent, once again, the random encounters.





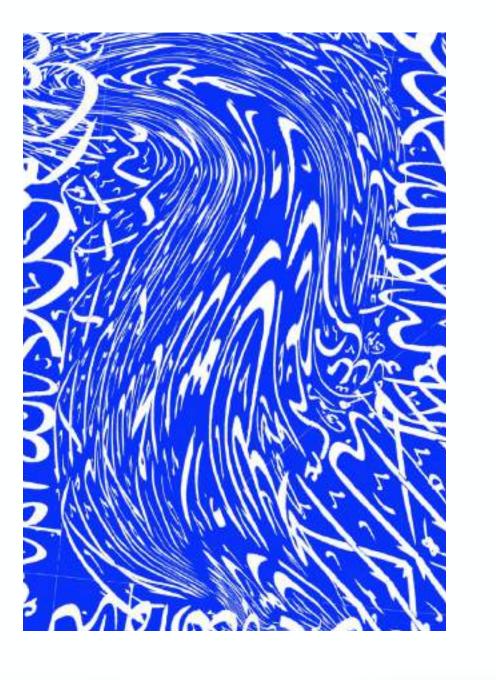






The Layout















o9. The Logo

We created a custom made lettering that incorporate the three common languages in Jerusalem-

Hebrew, English & Arabic.

The lettering ties the three languages together and tries to represent the symbiotic differences in the city.



The Typeface

The font we selected to use in the identity is the Abraham font, the first ever trilingual font (Hebrew, Arabic, English), in order to equally represent the people of Jerusalem.

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