

# Letra Pro

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Modern calligraphy ranges from functional

Hand-Lettered

INSCRIPTIONS AND DESIGNS

fine-art pieces

where the abstract expression

of the handwritten mark

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At the height of the Roman Empire its power reached as far as Great Britain; when the empire fell, its literary influence remained. The Semi-uncial generated the Irish Semi-uncial, the small Anglo-Saxon. Each region seems to have developed its own standards following the main monastery of the region (i.e. Merovingian script, Laon script, Luxeuil script, Visigothic script, Beneventan script), which are mostly cursive and hardly readable. The rising Carolingian Dynasty Empire encouraged a new standardized script, which was developed by several famous monasteries (including Corbie Abbey and Beauvais) around the eighth century. The script from Saint Martin of Tours was ultimately set as the Imperial standard, named the Carolingian script (or "the Caroline"). From the powerful Carolingian Empire, this standard also became used in neighboring kingdoms. In the eleventh century, the Caroline evolved into

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## Catalan

Jove xef, porti whisky amb quinze glaçons d'hidrogen, coi!

## Croatian

Gojazni đaćić s biciklom drži hmelj i finu vatu u džepu nošnje.

## Esperanto

Laŭ Ludoviko Zamenhof bongustas freŝa ĉeĥa manĝaĵo kun spicoj.

## French

Voix ambiguë d'un cœur qui au zéphyr préfère les jattes de kiwi

## German

Victor jagt zwölf Boxkämpfer quer über den großen Sylter Deich

## Hungarian

Jó foxim és don Quijote húszwattos lámpánál ulti egy pár búvös cipőt készít.

## Icelandic

Kæmi ný öxi hér, ykið þjófum nú bæði víl og ádrepa.

## Norwegian

Vår sære Zulu fra badeøya spilte jo whist og quickstep i min taxi.

## Spanish

Jovencillo emponzoñado de whisky: ¡qué figuraota exhibe!

## Swedish

Flygande bäckasiner söka hwila på mjuka tuvor.

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R S T U V W X Y Z

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u v w x y z

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À B D E F

G H I L K L

M N P R T

U V W Y Z

a b d f g

h i k r m n

p q r t u v

w x y z

A B C D E F G

H I J K L M N

O P Q R S T U

V W X Y Z

a b c d e f g

h i j k l m n

o p q r s t u

v w x y z

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