



## **Layout & Typesetting**

Three quarters of the projects I worked on at the OCT involved typesetting long text— either in a previously designed template or as a brand new document I designed myself. Typesetting has become one of my favourite aspects of designing; and organizing text and images has become second nature to me.

The challenge: French translated text generally occupies about 30% more real estate on the page. The usual solution is to add pages, however I've found that smart tracking and slight margin and/or column adjustments and possibly the reduction of font size can sometimes allow all the text to fit without appearing forced.

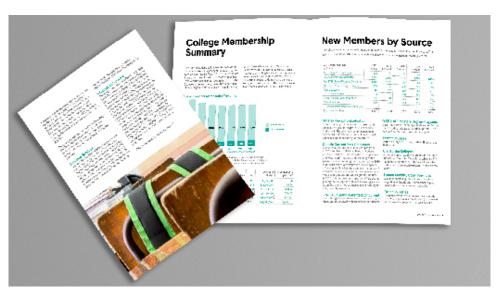




### **Annual Reports**

### Annual Reports for the OCT in both English and French

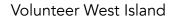




## Annual Reports in both English and French

#### **ONCAT**











More Transparent





### **Other Reports**

### Research Reports for ONCAT









### Registration Guides for the OCT in both English and French





#### Ads (OCT)

# Ads in *Professionally Speaking* magazine



1/2-page ad

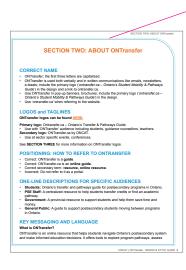


## **Branding**

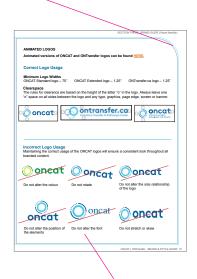
## Graphic elements on each page bring a sense of cohesiveness to the document.

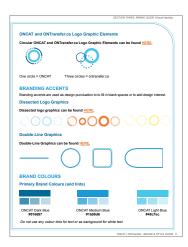
### **Brand & Style Guide**

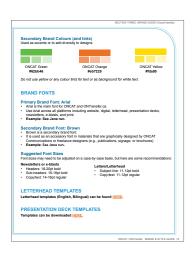














Showing the "DOs" and "DON'Ts" of our logo's usage.

The communications manager and I were tasked with "refreshing" the ONCAT brand in a year where the organization's funding was cut, preventing us from being able to hire an external design firm for a full rebranding of the organization.

I developed graphics by "pulling apart" one of our logos, and came up with secondary colours, as well as lighter tints of these. The collaboration was met with enthusiasm from both the senior leadership team and our peers.

#### Letterhead

These are screenshots of the letterhead templates I designed in collaboration with the Communications Manager when I first started at ONCAT. I designed these in InDesign first, then recreated them in Word while tackling the technical side of things. Creating Word templates where the header and footer remain locked took a bit of research but worked well in the end.









## **Email and Other Digital Banners**















## **Packaging Design**



I designed and produced many envelopes during my 14 years of employment with the Ontario College of Teachers.

The blingual book-return envelopes for the Margaret Wilson Library (left) had a 1" gusset (where the creases are), along with a tear-strip on the back to open the envelope. This dieline was provided by the envelope company Supremex. There were restrictions as to where our bilingual branding elements could be placed.



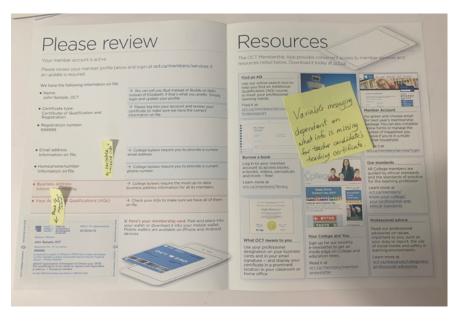


I worked with Supremex to obtain the die (cut and fold) lines and the template for the Conformer<sup>TM</sup> envelopes (left). I used these to design the message-carrier envelopes for the OCT's direct mail program.

## **Direct and Digital Mail Campaigns**

We wanted our communication with our more than 220,000 members to feel personal. We customized more than eight different mailing streams to satisfy this approach: English, French, new English member, new French member, returning English member, returning French member, etc.

I designed the message carrier (below) with its variable messaging (different for each strearm), along with all





or most of the materials within the packages – brochures, pamphlets, Certificates of Qualification, Teaching Certificates, etc.

I worked in tandem with our lettershop to ensure the information matrix for the physical mailing was straightforward and error-free. And I worked with members of our IT unit to deploy the digital versions of these packages to members who opted in to receiving only digital communication from the College.

# 2026 ONCAT Conference — Microsite

Art direction: Using the conference name and logo as inspiration (I created the logo), I created the visual for the landing page of the microsite. The background is a screened back image of an urban street map, exploring the concept of finding the way. Several concepts were presented to the senior leadership team, some of which are showcased on this page.

**Production:** Part of my responsibilities with ONCAT include updating the websites. For this concept to be realized, I made sure the text was in HTML for maximum reponsiveness on mobile phones.

https://conference.oncat.ca/i/oncat\_conference+home





## **Microsites**

**Production:** Using the 2017 annual report microsite as a template, I selected the theme colour and the images, and—after receiving approval for the selection—sized and optimized them for this responsive website. I revamped the top horizontal navigation to pertain to the information we wanted to share. I instructed the web programmers on which colours and fonts to use, and provided them with the French creative assets (logo, navigation menu names, etc.). I also facilitated and art directed the videos of both the Chair and the Registrar on their respective pages.

**Art direction:** All images (with the exception of some run-of-page/run-of-site images) are results of the four in-school photo shoots I coordinated and art directed in 2018.

https://reports2018.oct.ca/en https://reports2018.oct.ca/fr



## **Social Media Campaigns**

A 2017 **social media campaign** (#just1word) aimed at increasing public awareness of the Ontario College of Teachers asked viewers to reply, using one word to describe their favourite teacher.

Creative collaboration: Came up with the concept of the campaign with our working group and we decided on the photography selection. I did the design and the production work (the different versions of the ad).

The challenges: 1 - Facebook deemed ads with less than 20% text perform better, and therefore restricted ads to a maximum of 20% text. Many text revisions were required in order to ensure we could include type on top of the images in these ads. 2 - Achieving a significant contrast between background image and type was another challenge, as we wanted to make sure the text was easy to read.



### The big reveal

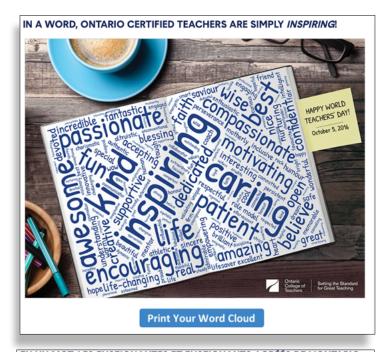
The words used to describe users' favourite teachers during the #just1word social media campaign (the goal was to help celebrate World Teachers' Day on October 5) can be seen in the word clouds on the OCT's **website** and in the creative on this page.

https://www.oct.ca/public/media/announcements/wtd-2016?sc\_lang=en&

https://www.oct.ca/public/media/announcements/wtd-2016?sc\_lang=fr-ca

#### **Results**

The English and French campaign lasted one week and garnered significant engagement on all channels. It also increased social media followers by 75% on all channels combined.





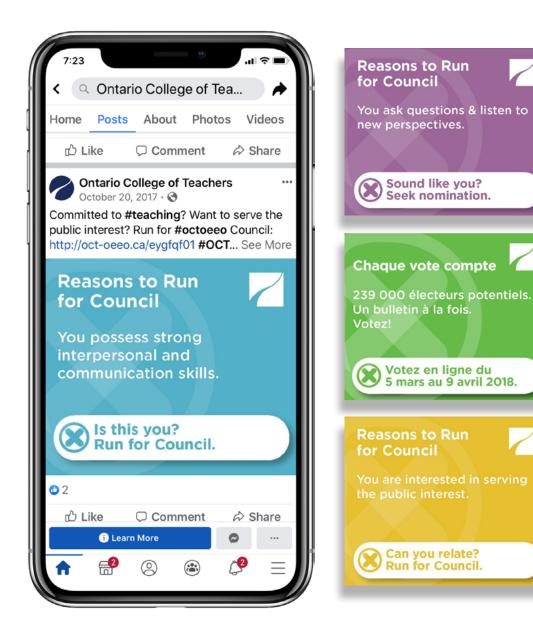
#### The 2018 Election

The OCT's election turnout has never been very high. Our workgroup decided to run some social media posts to attract new and returning voters in 2018.

Despite the different colours and what we deemed to be strong calls-to-action, the election turnout was only slightly higher than average.

**Design and production:** My colleague and I came up with the design. I did the production and project management on this campaign (different colours, French ads, interaction with the translation team, the internal client, etc.).

#OCTelection2018
#oeeoElection2018



## **Events**

**Design and Production:** Given free reign by the Balmy Beach Community School's Fall Fair working group, I came up with the concept for their 56x48-inch Fall Fair sign (right), the poster (below), all signs, ads and banners.



This large 56" x 48" sign was on display in glassed-in display in front of school.



**Production:** To display the 17x11" activity signs outdoors near each activity, we adhered two identical heavy-stock signs back-to-back and inserted eightfoot bamboo sticks between them. We drilled holes in the tops of pumpkins, inserted the bamboo sticks... and voilà! Instant outdoor signs with a "fall" feel.

Large sign placed in schoolyard and in school



17"x 11" activity signs



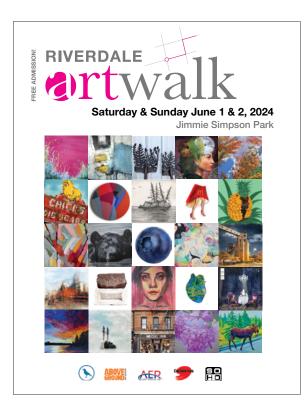


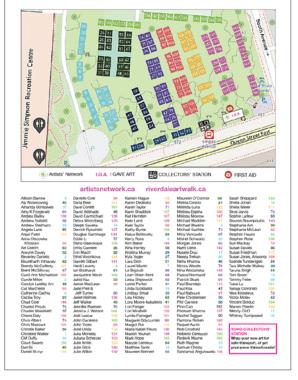


## **Events (cont'd)**

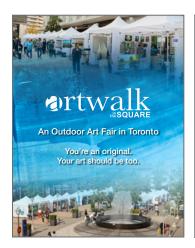
**Design:** I volunteer my time as a graphic designer with the Artists' Network in Toronto. I also sit on their board. (I'm a painter/artist.) We hold two major outdoor art shows in the summer/fall: Riverdale ArtWalk and ArtWalk in the Square. My work for these can be seen on this page and the next.

# 2024 HANDOUT FOR ALL RIVERDALE ARTWALK VISITORS AND ARTISTIS





#### 2025 ARTWALK IN THE SQUARE HANDOUT





#### 5" X 7" POSTCARD (2023)



With more than 300 images of artwork available, I created different collages for the covers of these handouts and postcards.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS**

Artists had the choice of inserting one of their paintings in the gray area of these Instagram- and Facebook-ready graphics...





or of using the general Artist-Network-branded graphics:





I created similar social media graphics for ArtWalk in the Square:





## **Events (cont'd)**

**Design:** The OCT used to hold annual golf tournaments to raise money for its scholarship program. I designed all the ads, emails, signs, tent cards, banners, etc., for these events in both English and French.

### Email (PDF)



#### Tent card



#### Ad (appeared in Professionally Speaking magazine



## Signs (inside clubhouse)





## **Tradeshows**

**Design and Production:** Came up with the concepts for the backlit display and the roll-up banners, liaised with both production houses to have these produced. These all met with internal client's approval (and happiness).

Roll-up banners: photo below and artwork below, right



## 20x10-foot backlit display



3 x 8 ft., approx.









Designed a timeline that occupied an entire wall on the 15th floor of the building (10'x10', approx.) for the OCT's 20th anniversary event. Timeline shows organization's milestones and major accomplishments.



## Logos

## **Design and Production:**

Came up with the concepts and guidelines for these logos.











## Branding standards

**Formats** 

Bilingual (colour)













## Redesign

The OCT's old membership card used the organization's old font (Akzidenz Grotesk), along with its old brand colour (100% Cyan). The new card uses the organization's new font (Basetica) in its heaviest weight (Black), set against one of the OCT's new colours.

### New membership card



Production/Redesign: Publishers of the Little Miss and Little Mr. books authorized the College to redesign these book covers for the purpose of promoting the organization. I did this using our standard font (at the time), along with different colours for the background. The only available original artwork was in PDF format. I therefore did the re-work of the English and French book covers in Adobe Acrobat.



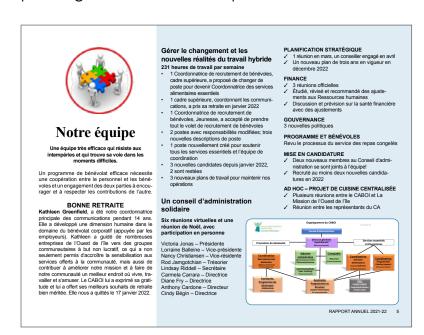


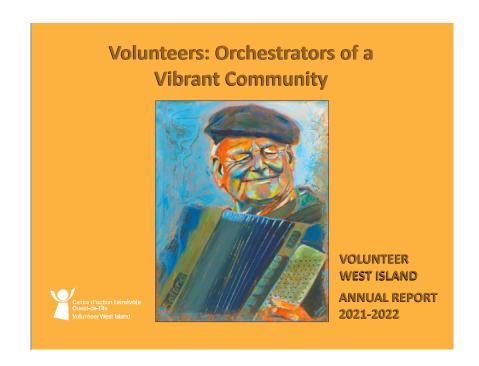
## **Work for Freelance Clients**

#### **Volunteer West Island (VWI)**

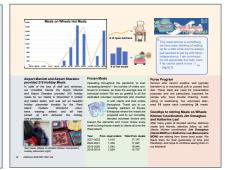
Here are examples of pages from the annual report I did for Volunteer West Island / Centre des bénévoles de l'ouest-de-l'île in Montreal, in both official languages, in 2002.

I was honoured that the organization wanted to use images of my portrait paintings to illustrate the report.









### Greenwin Corp.

Here is some of the freelance work I did for Greenwin Corp.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS/ADS



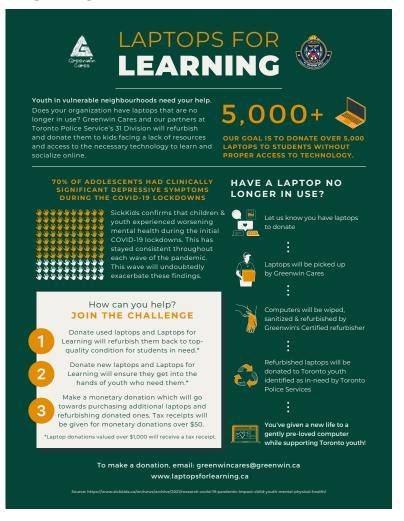


#### **Fanshawe Chorus London**





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#### **WEB BANNER**

