OpenType Cheat Sheet

RECENT VERSIONS of Adobe's InDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop have full support for the advanced typographic features of the Grad family of fonts. However, it may not be obvious how to access them.

In Adobe InDesign (all versions), when you select "small caps" from the character palette, the small cap characters built into the font are used automatically (rather than scaling down capitals). The f-ligatures are used automatically (unless you turn them off).

The other features are accessed in the character palette via the options pop-up menu. In InDesign, for instance, there is a submenu called "OpenType" in the Character palette. For example, you can select a capital letter in your text and then select "Swash" from the OpenType menu to get the swash alternate. All the features except the ones shown in brackets are supported in Grad.

In addition, you can open the "Glyphs" palette (in the menu Window > Type & Tables > Glyphs) which shows you every character in the font. Double clicking on one will insert it into the text at the cursor point or text selection.

Photoshop CS has the OpenType features in the options pop-up menu of the Character palette. Illustrator CS has an OpenType palette and a Glyph palette.

For more information on using OpenType fonts in these programs, check the manuals and Adobe's online guide to OpenType:

http://store.adobe.com/type/opentype/

OpenType features supported in Grad:

Small Caps: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÁÀÂÄÃÅÆÇÉÈÊËÐÍÌÎÏŁÑÓÒÔÖÕØŒŠÞÚÙÛÜÝŸŽ

Ligatures: ff, fi, ffi, fl, ffl (also called "Common Ligatures)

Discretionary Ligatures: Th, ct, st

Fractions: ½, ¾, and ¼ only.

Swash: BDEFHIJKLMNPRUVWXYm n

Stylistic Alternates: M (via the Glyph palette in InDesign and Illustrator CS, and the OpenType palette in Illustrator CS. Not accessible directly in Photoshop CS.)

All Small Caps (converts caps as well as lowercase to small caps)

Proportional Oldstyle Figures: 1234567890

Proportional Lining Figures: 1234567890

Ornaments: ❧❧ RL FM (via OpenType Options menu in Photoshop CS; via the Glyph palette in InDesign and Illustrator CS)