# CHRIS MORE





#### **OVERVIEW**

A genuinely creative designer with more than enough ideas to tackle any project. A very fine eye for detail honed over ten years in the industry and a lifetime of fascination with art and visual culture.

Over the course of my career I have developed a wide skillset, having worked in nearly all areas of branding and marketing across a wide variety of industries and demographics – everything from highest-end premium through to economy, young to old audiences, and traditional print media through to motion graphics, UI and UX.

I began my career as a marketing designer and freelancer, and quickly moved into senior and design leadership positions – something I have enjoyed immensely as I love passing on my knowledge of design and aesthetics to anyone who is interested. I have also taught workshops on art & design related subjects to this end.

I am currently looking for a new role where my natural passion for innovative ideas and playful creativity can be used to it's full potential – working with like-minded individuals who love, love, love design.



### **EXPERIENCE**

Holy Design (Agency) Design Partner May 2024 - Present

During my time at Holy I have worked on a diverse set of projects in fields including healthcare, entertainment, event design, soft furnishing, architecture, AI modelling, housing and development, and more.

Working as part of an agency comes easily to me, I have been lucky to work in several positions which covered a similarly large variety of styles and tasks, and I have worked in both large and small teams for many or few stakeholders. At this point in my career I am equipped to adapt happily to many situations.

Holy itself has doubled in size during my time here and I have enjoyed watching the team expand and my role in directing our junior designers.

FINN Auto GmbH (Car Subscriptions)
Senior Creative Designer:

January 2023 - May 2024

Focussing on brand and brand strategy, I led FINN's design resource to scale them from successful startup to an established brand while working with unpredictability and often tight budgets.

This involved re-defining and re-positioning the brand during a growth phase both in their native Germany and expanding into the American market. Creating brand guidelines, defining brand strategy, producing advertising campaigns, overseeing photo shoots & video productions, testing and iteration of new website features, and more.

Working at a startup like FINN with a flat hierarchy and little direction encouraged a very pro-active and self-initiated approach in my work.

Connells Group (Real Estate)
Lead Designer / Studio Manager:
March 2020 - January 2023

Previously Senior Designer: July 2018 – March 2020

Leading the design team (including hiring, budget and management duties), in conceiving and rolling out advertising campaigns and branding for ~80 estate agency brands across the UK and internationally. Another key part of my role was modernising internal support materials to move from outdated print to interactive digital solutions.

During my time at Connells I was promoted from Senior Designer to Design Lead and led the design team through a difficult period during the early pandemic and on to successful growth.

## Media 10 Ltd (Design Events & Publishing) Marketing Designer:

December 2016 - July 2018

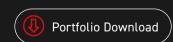
At Media 10 I created marketing collateral for a range of design-focussed publications, and industry & consumer events including – ICON, OnOffice, Grand Designs Live, 100% Design, Design Shanghai and the yearly London Design Festival.

During my time with the company I re-designed the website for Good Homes Magazine, gaining a 260% increase in page views, modernised the CRM approach across the company, resulting in more click-throughs on both adverts and editorial content, and vastly improved subscriber retention rates.

I was also awarded the Media10 'Rising Star' award for excellent performance in my first year with the company.

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#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### Dearee

BA Graphic Communication (First)
 University of Northampton, UK

#### A Levels

- · English Language
- English Literature
- Media Studies
- · Art, Film & Video

#### **SOFTWARE**

- InDesign
- Illustrator
- Photoshop
- · Lightroom
- Wordpress
- After EffectsPremiere Pro
- · XD / Figma

#### **SKILLS**

- Portrait Photography
- Product Photography
- · Art Direction
- Illustration
- Videography
- Murals
- Hand Lettering

#### **INTERESTS**

- Type Design
- · Brutalist Architecture
- · 90's Arcade Games
- · Cyanotype Printing
- Urbex

## **ABOUT ME**

An artist working as a designer. I have been working professionally in the design industry both in-house and freelance for over ten years. While also maintaining personal and professional creative interests in photography, fine art, muralism, print-making and other creative disciplines.

The words 'creative' and 'creativity' get thrown around a lot in the world of graphic design. I've been around long enough and sat in enough meetings and brainstorming sessions to have realised that what passes for creativity is all too often re-hashing ideas that have already been done perfectly well by someone else, but with a fresh coat of paint.

I am passionate about ideas, about finding innovative, memorable, surprising ways to communicate even the most mundane messages. Finding these joyful solutions to interesting problems is what gets me to work every morning. I don't want to do what everyone else is doing, I don't want to make 'our version' of something that already exists, I want to work with people who have vision and ideas and genuine *creativity*. I want to bring my internal drive to be constantly thinking and making and exploring into my professional work, as much as it drives my personal work.

There is nothing more fun than making things.

"If Chris was to be available in the future, I would not hesitate to offer him a role back in the Connells Group Design Studio"

Jeremy Briggs

Group Marketing Director @ Connells Group

"I couldn't recommend Chris highly enough, professionally and personally. He will be an asset to any company lucky enough to find him"

Alison Muir

Design Studio Manager @ Connells Group

"Chris is a very talented graphic designer and a real asset to Media10.
Creative and hardworking, Chris would be a great asset to any creative firm"

Kerry Thomas

Brand Marketing Designer @ Media10

"Chris made our campaign look incredible. We needed his creative design input and through careful consideration, he worked through our requirements and delivered a stunning end result. Highly recommended!"

James Thompson
CPO @ Speculo Ltd



## LOGOS

It all starts with a logo.

Some of my favourite logos I have worked on recently, utilising a variety of approaches – illustration, hand lettering, simple logotypes and brand marks. I have had the pleasure of working across a variety of industries and clients, each with very different needs – and as a result, very different solutions for their logos.



**Bicycle Users Group**Cycling advocacy group



Wandering Tern
Subscription travel books service

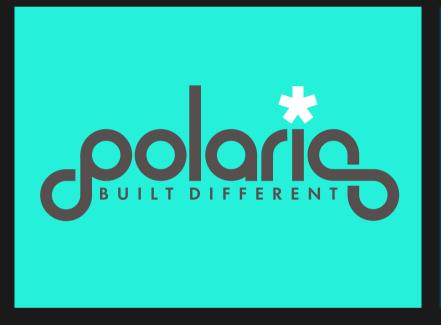


Gather Records

Manchester-based record label

## Slater Hogg Mortgages

Slater Hogg Mortgages Scottish mortgage provider



**Polaris**Bespoke Industrial construction



**NOAH**I.T. Solutions Consultancy



CNN Roofing
Roofing and scaffolding group



Our Best Life
Personal coaching and recovery



**FeedForward**Brand analysis & strategy

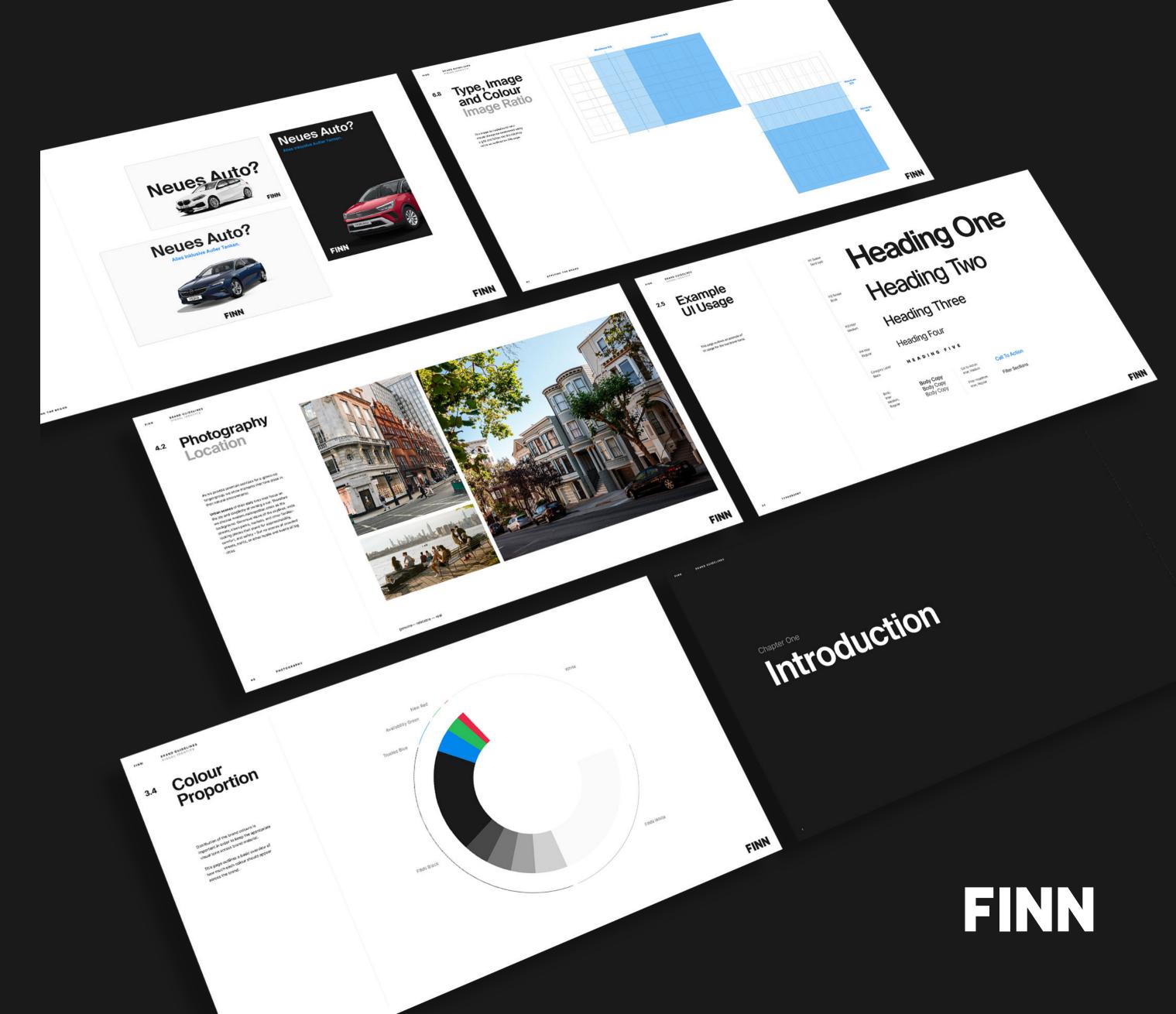
# BRANDING: FINN

FINN Auto GmbH is a market-leader in the relatively new space of car subscriptions. A rapidly-growing startup – it has attracted a high level of investor interest and grown to over 400 employees in just a few short years.

Over the last year the main focus of my work at FINN has been defining, recording and communicating the brand for this fast-growing startup. In a short space of time the company's reach and headcount has increased dramatically, so comprehensive guidelines for everything from logo use to corporate language and brand personas have been critical in maintaining brand consistency during this growth period.

2024 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for FINN, so brand strategy and the planning of next steps to expand on these solid foundations are the priority for the new year.

SEE THE FINN STYLE GUIDE



## **BRANDING: JOHN D WOOD**

John D Wood & Co. is one of the oldest and most prestigious real estate agencies in the United Kingdom, with offices in Kensington, Chelsea and Mayfair, and an international network of partners; they provide the highest-quality of properties and services to discerning clients both in the UK and internationally. These clients range from young professionals to overseas property investors, to career landlords and developers.

With these diverse demographics in mind, I created a range of branding solutions which maintain a quality, heritage style while allowing the freedom for more modern typographic creatives and importantly - a dash of self-referential humour.

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# ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS

The essence of any good advertising campaign is a good concept – something clever and surprising but easy to understand, which tells a story in a way that resonates with it's audience. Finding these concepts is what I enjoy most as a designer – the sheer joy that a good concept can bring. That 'A-ha!' moment when the client or customer sees the message brought to life and made surprising and joyful.

I have been creating concepts and art-directing for both sales and brand campaigns for many years now, and I pride myself on my ability to inject humour, personality and emotion into even the most mundane communications.



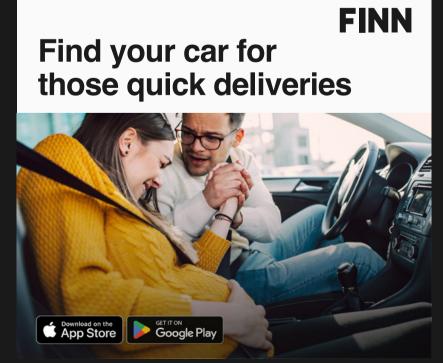




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## MOTION GRAPHICS & VIDEO

With the ever-increasing need for compelling video content and adverts – motion graphics and video editing have become a larger part of my work in recent years. Something which I've embraced as it affords a lot more potential for storytelling and emotion than other mediums.

On this page are a handful of personal and professional motion projects from the last twelve months, largely created in Premiere Pro and After Effects, with a mix of original and stock video.

Please click the thumbnails to enable the videos

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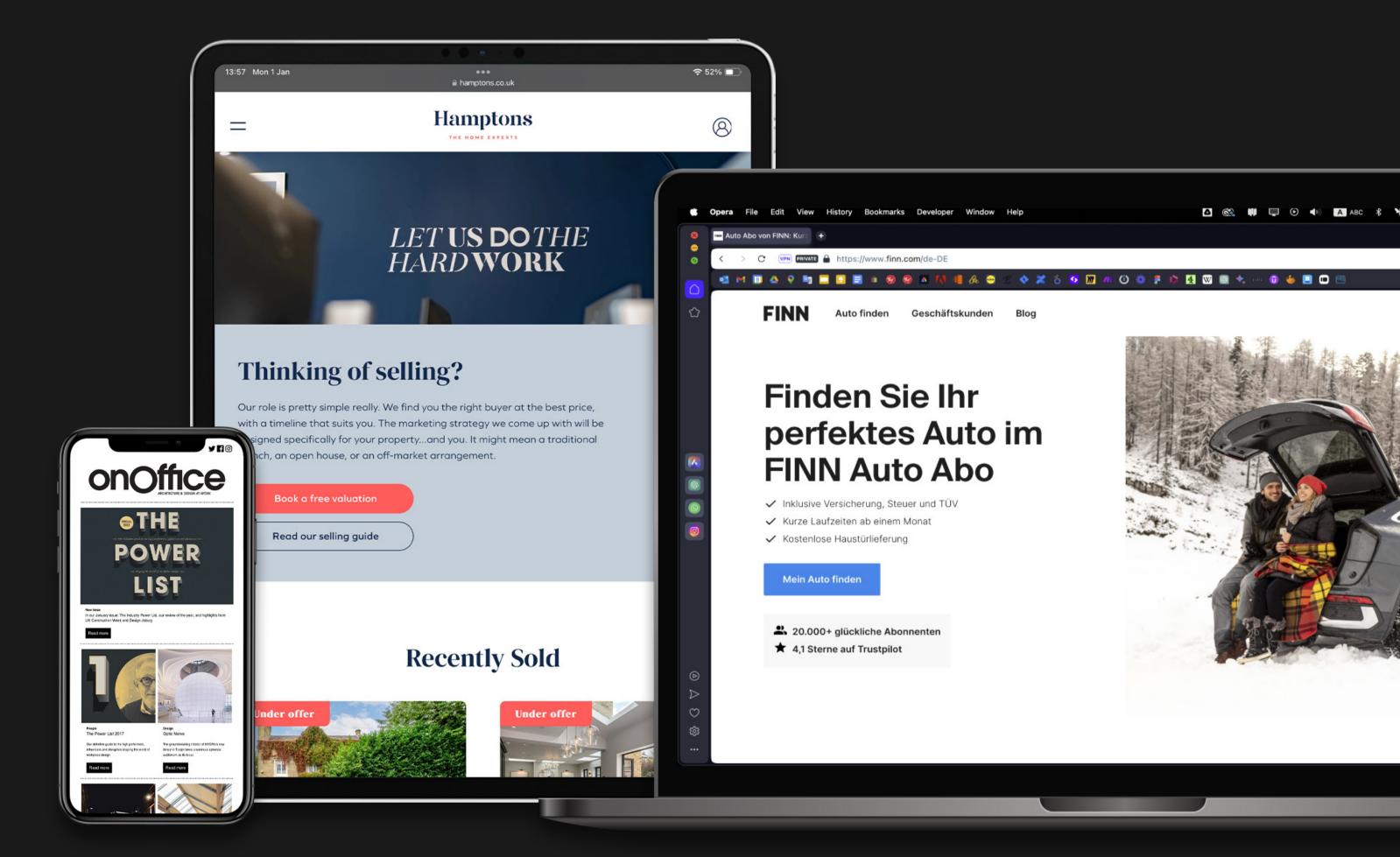




# WEBSITE & CRM DESIGN

Collaborating with product and UI / UX designers to bring brands to life both online and in-app has been a large part of my work in recent years. Ensuring consistency of brand and emotion over interactive and passive touchpoints has never been more important than it is now.

Finding the right approach which conveys the character of the brand while maintaining frictionless usability can sometimes be a balancing act – as a result I have become accustomed to working in a data-centric and results-driven manner, with testing and iteration as a key part of the process.

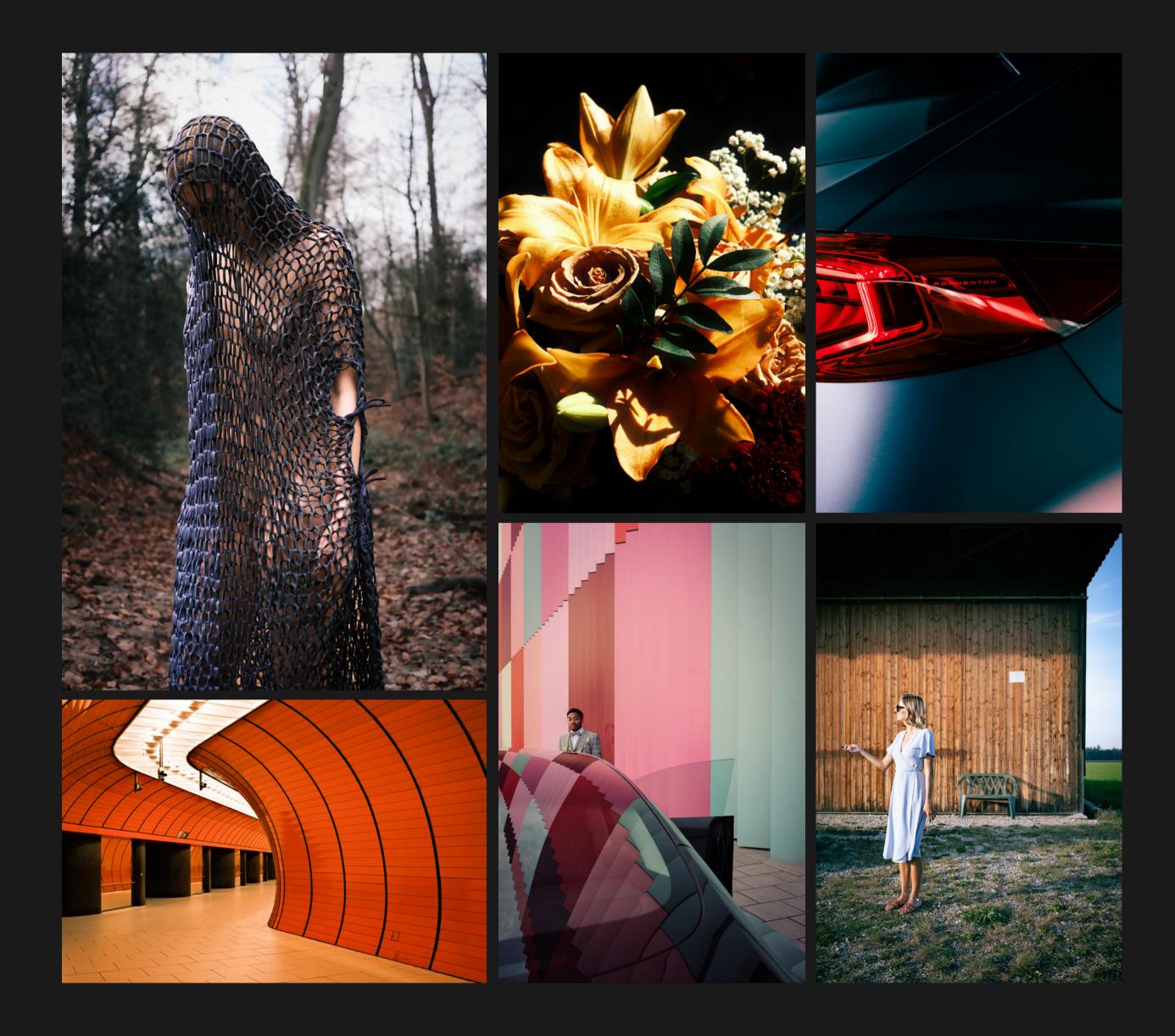


# PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Camera work is very much a personal passion of mine, and I have been lucky in recent years to work in industries and with artists that allow me to explore this passion.

Working commercially and directing models on set uses a different skill set to the one I bring to my personal work. When working commercially it's important to always have the final assets in mind – clear communication and direction of photographers and models is paramount in order to bring a concept to life exactly as it has been envisioned.

In my personal work, I prefer to allow things to present themselves to me, without change or direction. More often documenting things as they are.



# ILLUSTRATION & TYPE DESIGN

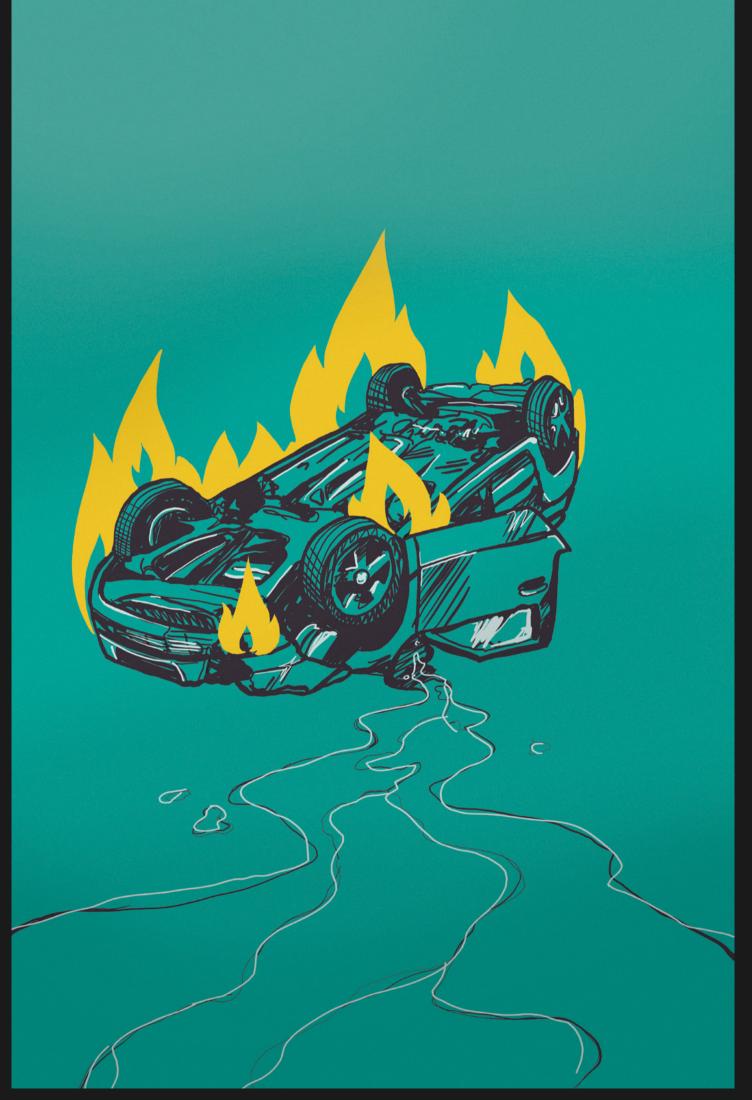
In addition to my core skillset in branding and design, I am also a keen illustrator, capable of working across a variety of styles and techniques. This also extends to type design and hand lettering, both physical and digital in nature.

These abilities allow me to quickly flesh out concepts for pitching or discussion, and also give the option of a more human, hand-made or bespoke approach to design problems or typography.









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