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### OVERVIEW:

The Lafon Arts Center is located in Luling, Louisiana It's a state of the art facility and an extension of St. Charles Parish Public Schools. The Lafon Arts Center is named after a former school superintendent in honor of his advocacy of the arts. The Center hosts popular off-Broadway productions, musical acts and school theatrical shows. Located inside the Lafon Arts Center, The Shell Theatre holds 1,300 people and the stage is larger than most Broadway spaces. The Lafon Arts Center is also the hub for arts education in the St. Charles Parish Public School System.



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### PROJECT:

Create logo/branding/marketing support for the Lafon Arts Center

### **CRITERIA:**

The Lafon Arts logo needed to be able to stand alone yet also pair well with the logo of St. Charles Parish Public Schools. The Lafon Center logo needed to appeal to a demographic that would purchase tickets for high-end production. In addition it was hoped that the Lafon logo would represent the personality and talent of it's namesake, Dr. Rodney Lafon, who in addition to being an educator was also a skilled trumpet player. Creative constraints considered during logo design include:

- Visual representation of a trumpet
- Unique architectural elements of the center with a mid-century feel
- Personal elements like a signature or profile
- Using the same color palette of the St. Charles Parish Public Schools logo for consistency
- Represent diversity, creativity and artistic expression

### **CREATIVE:**

### **Concept/Logo Development:**

Eat, sleep, obsess over trumpets and the architectural lines of the Lafon Art Center for two weeks. Until slowly logos that hold together start to emerge.

### A FEW FIRST DRAFTS:















### Final Logo(s)





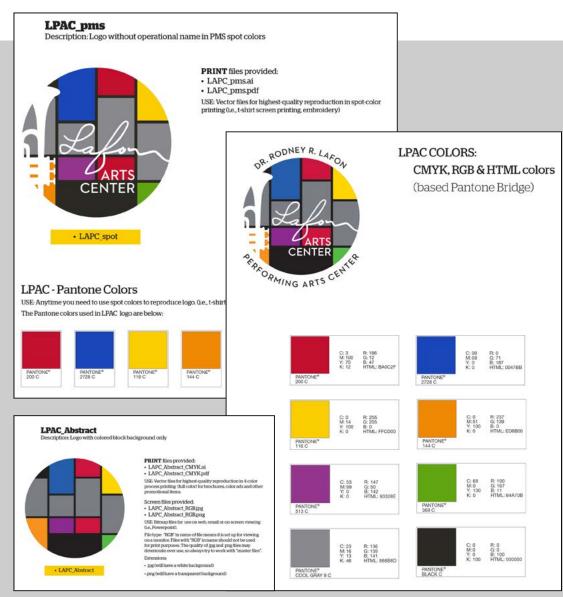


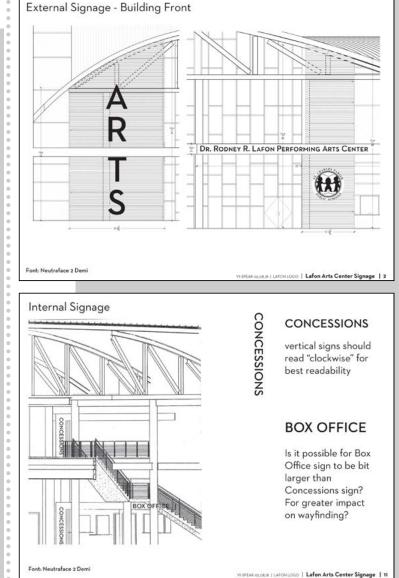




### **Styles Guides**

Basic styles guides were created for use of the logo and signage.





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### **GRAND OPENING**

### **Save the Date Card**

### + Invitation

To achieve the elegant feel planned for the Grand Opening Celebration, the Save the Date card and Invitation were printed on a white silk stock. A limited palette of silver metallic and black inks were used. To create dimension, the trumpet was imaged with a translucent foil stamp on both pieces. In addition, the invitation featured a double die cut, so overlapping circles created a true 3-D double border highlighting the logo. Both documents were mailed in a metallic silver envelope.







### 2018-2019 SEASON:

### **Brochure:**

A 10-page parallel fold format was used to showcase the performance lineup and show dates in the 2018-2019 Season Brochure. The brochure was direct mailed to 50,000+ homes in St. Charles, St. John and Lafouche Parishes.



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### **Folded Business Cards:**

Folded business cards were designed to highlight the unique architecture and features of the premier, world-class facility.





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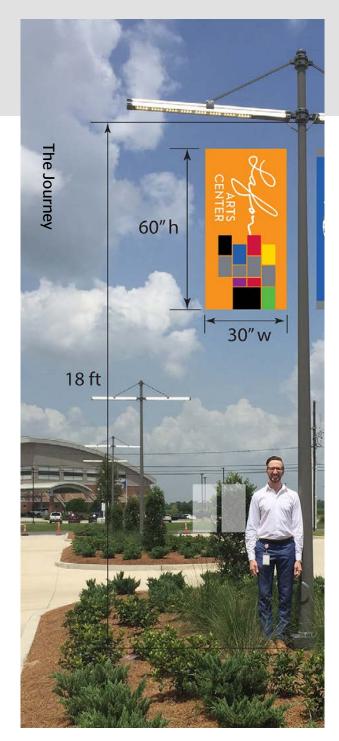
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### **Banners for Parking Lot**

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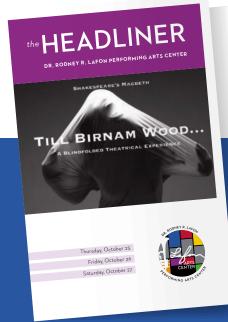






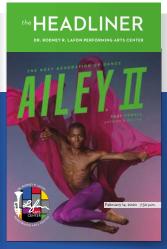


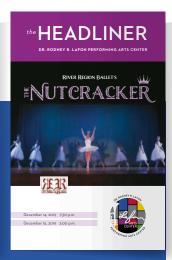


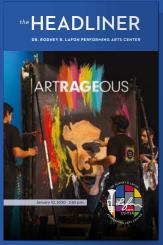


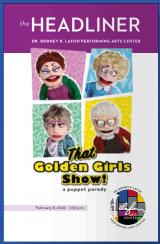






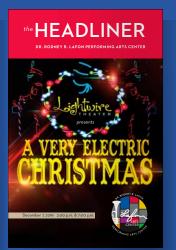




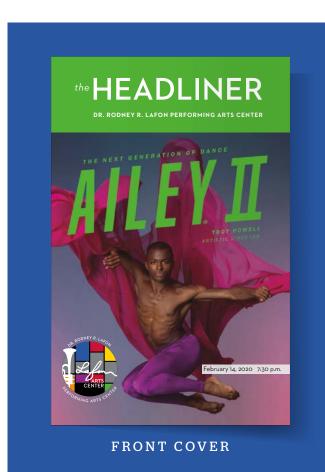








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FLUAH LANCASTER (Bentonville, AR) was born in Port Au Prince, Haiti. He began his formal dance training at the age of seven at Aspire Dance in Arkansas. He has trained on scholarship at The Ailey School and graduated from the Certificate Program. Mr. Lancaster attended summer

Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Gelsey Kirkland Academy of Classical Ballet, and the Joffrey Ballet School. He has worked with choreographers Travis
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Amy Hall Garner, Robert Battle,
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Grand Moultrie, and Troy Powell, and appeared in Alvin Ailey's Memoria appeared in Alvin Ailey's Memoria during Ailey's 2016 and 2017 New York City Center seasons. Mr. Lancaster was also a part of the Nutcracker cast for the Houston Ballet. This is his first season with

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MD) is a graduate of the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance. She began her

The critically-acclaimed Ailey II has a distinctive repertory that has included works by dance masters Alvin Ailey, Talley Beatty, Donald Byrd, Ulysses Dove, George W. Faison, Lar Lubovitch, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Artistic Director Robert Battle and Artistic Director Emerita Judith Jamison. The company has also performed innovative works by rising choreographers such as Jae Man Joo, Juel D. Lane, and Renee I. McDonald. Touring throughout the United States and abroad, Ailey II will reach dozens of cities during its 2019-2020 tour.

Ailey II gratefully acknowledges the generous support provided by The Glorya Kaufman Dance Foundation.

The taking of photographs and the use of recording equipment of any kind during performances is strictly prohibited.

Programming and casting subject to change

There will be two 15 minute interm

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(Baltimore, MD) began her formal dance
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and graduated from the Ailey/Fordham
BFA Program as a Gates Millennium
Scholar. Ms. Korie trained on scholarship

AMAR SMALLS (Brooklyn, AMAR SMALLS (Brooklyn, NY) began his dance training at The Abrons Arts Center Henry Street Settlement in New York City, In 2017, he graduated from Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Arts and Performing Arts. He was a scholarship student at The Ailey School and has also sessional at Musical School and has also trained at Harlem School of the Arts and Steps on Broadway, Mr. Smalls has worked with choreographers including Ray Mercer, Daniel Catanach, Aubrey Lynch, Christopher Huggins, and Darrell Grand Moultrie. He was an apprentice with Ailey II. This is his first season with the







### **Promotional Mailers:**









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### PALSS CHILDREN'S THEATRE:

### **PROJECT:**

Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center PALSS Children's Theatre Logos & Programs

### **CRITERIA:**

Develop a logo for PALSS, the Children's Theatre at the Lafon Arts Center. PALSS is an acronym for Pretending Always Leads Somewhere Spectacular. The logo needed to have some consistency with the Lafon Arts Logo, but also be able to stand alone. The bright colors became the unifying factor between the logos.

### CREATIVE:

### **PALSS Children's Theatre Logo Development:**

The PALSS logo was inspired by the midcentury modern elements in the Lafon Arts Center logo and the building architecture itself. It uses the Lafon Arts Center color palette in a playful way that is reminiscent of children's book illustrations from the 1940s and 1950s.







The font for the PALSS logo was chosen for its midcentury modern feel and whimsical character.

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### **Show Logos:**

Logos were designed for each show reflecting the plot and character features unique to the familiar tales. These were used in promotional materials, on stage during performances, on the Lafon Arts Center website and in show programs.

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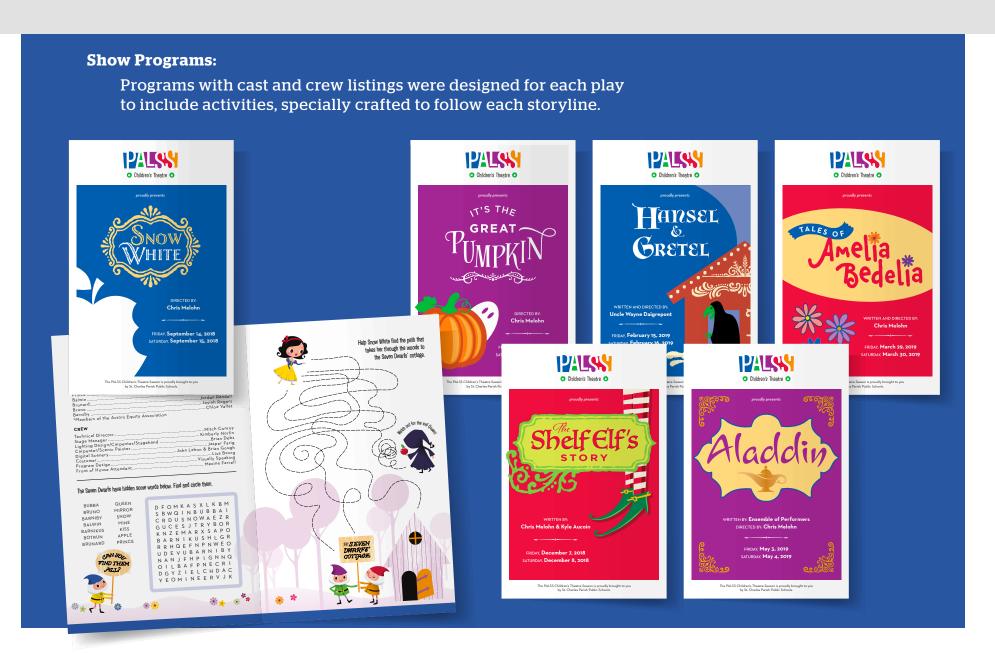


















### **Show Logos:**





















### **Autograph Book Cover:**

Front and back covers for autograph books were designed for children to get autographs from actors after each show performance.





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