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Brand Development Brief

Prepared for Kirsty Lee Akers

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Background

- The Kirsty Lee Akers is a Country/Americana music artist is seeking to create a unique brand and style.

- Kirsty is a Golden Guitar winning Australian artist who is relocating to Nashville in the USA to further her career

- She has performed at some of the world's biggest Country Music Festivals & has established credibility within the country music industry.

The creative reference points for the logo design process should align with the following themes:

- Traditional Country

- Western

- Modern

- Dirty/Earthy

- Feminine (but strong)

Key considerations for the practical logo design/usage should align with the following attributes:

- Primarily Text Based

- Black & White versions to be used on fatigued, vintage style imagery (colour and mono)

- Unique Font Face to be created/used

- Brand must be highly recognizable and stand out from competitors

Key deliverables:

- Full "Kirsty Lee Akers" brand

- Truncated "KLA" brand

- Full "Hillbilly Princess" brand extension – E.g. Kirsty Lee Akers w/Hillbilly Princess extended brand – to be used for merchandise items
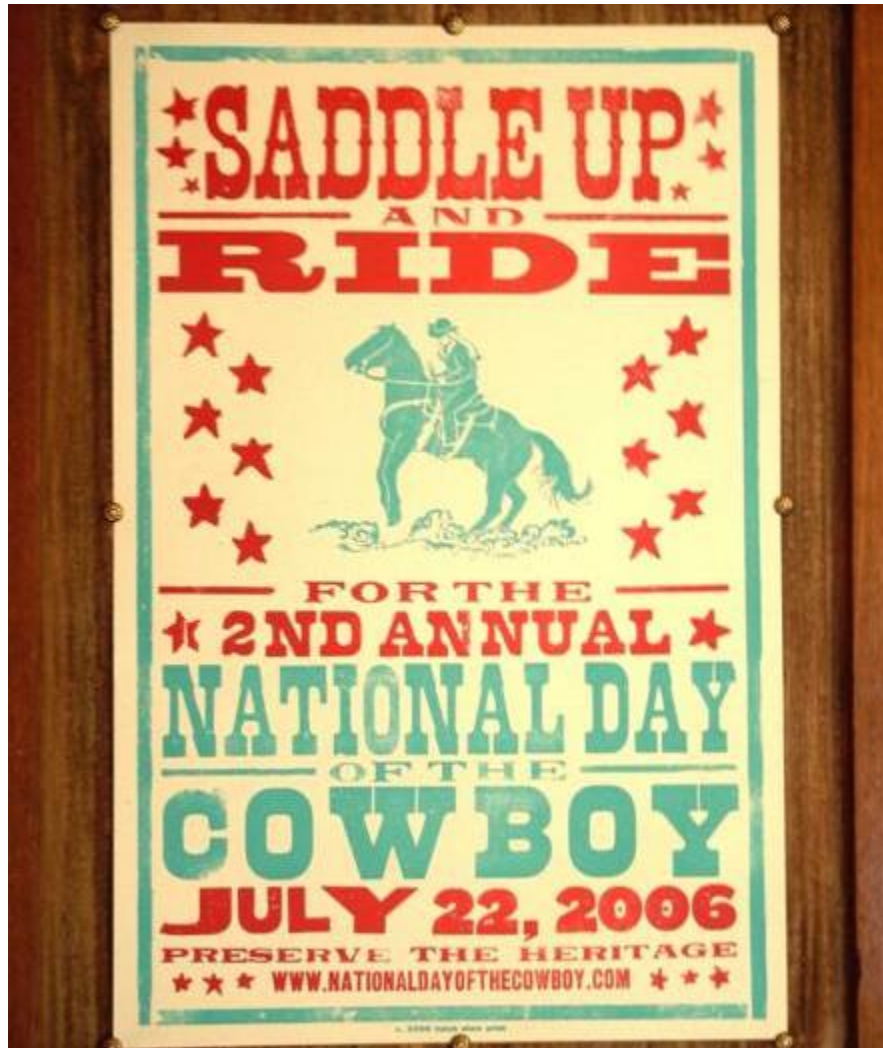
The following competitor examples have been provided as visual references to assist with the listed themes above.

Suggested Themes For Font & Logo:

The brand can't be limited by the following design aspects:

- ✓ **Replication** – Must allow for consistent replication across media – Eg: No loss of clarity in web, monochrome and TV usage

- ✓ **Complexity** - Brand complexity must not detract from integration – Simplicity preferred over complexity

- ✓ **Integration** – Brand must be distinctive but unobtrusive – Must not detract from visual imagery that it is applied to

- ✓ **Colour Scheme** – Preferred Black and White, Negative, Positive versions – To be often applied to high contrast visual imagery

- ✓ **Ancillary Versio**ns – The brand must include a version with and without website address, and a truncated version that can be used on smaller surface areas – Eg: Stick Pins &/or Keyrings

- ✓ **Usage Guide** – Brand does not have a standardized usage and palette guide for usage by third parties and this should be supplied in basic form

Deliverables

It is expected that the successful designer will produce each of the aforementioned design extensions/amendments. Deliverables to be supplied as follows:

1. Original InDesign, Illustrator or Photoshop files
2. EPS files for each
3. PNG files for each
4. JPG files for each
5. Basic usage guide for implementation