

# Ḷianán

## a typeface by Feòrag NicBhrìde

Cianán is a typeface inspired by the script in an old Irish manuscript in the Bodleian Library, Oxford (Bodleian MS, Ir. e. 6). The manuscript can be viewed on the web at <http://image.ox.ac.uk/show?collection=bodleian&manuscript=msire6>. The 18th century manuscript appears to contain the legendary history of Ireland and genealogies. The name comes from an Irish scribe working in the 14th century—Seaán O Cianán.

Version 2 has been radically reworked. The glyphs are more balanced and consistent, though hopefully without losing the handwritten feel. It is now an OpenType font using Unicode—there is no longer any need for a separate “Celtic” font, and all those characters (and many more) are now all in the one file. If you do not have the specific keyboard layout installed, they can be found using the Glyphs/Special Characters menu item in most MacOS X applications.

This archive contains the OTF version of the font, which can be used on Classic MacOS, MacOS X, Linux and Windows. It includes the following files:

- **About Cianán TTF.pdf** - this file.
- **Cianan.ttf** - the font file. In MacOS X, double click on this to see a preview. Click on the “Install Font” button to install. For earlier versions of Mac OS, these files should go in the ‘Fonts’ folder in the System Folder. For other platforms, please refer to the documentation.

A Postscript flavoured OpenType version is also available.

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