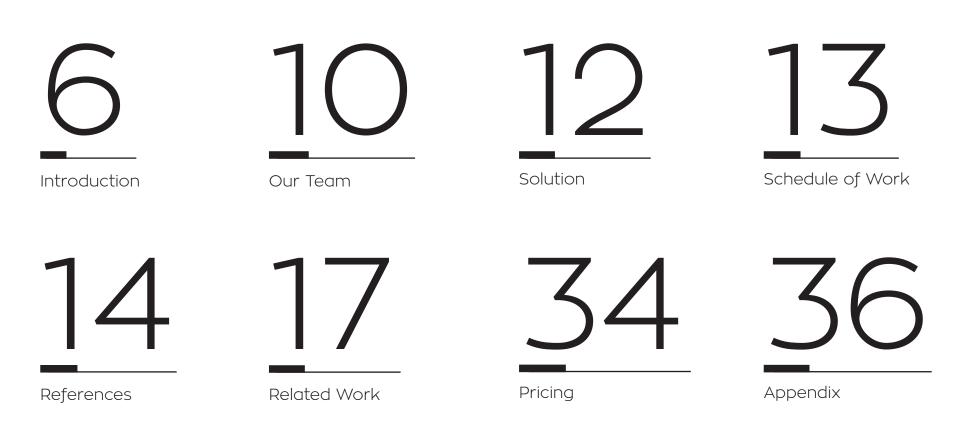




Johnson City Young Professionals Request for Proposal for Young Professional Initiative Branding & Marketing

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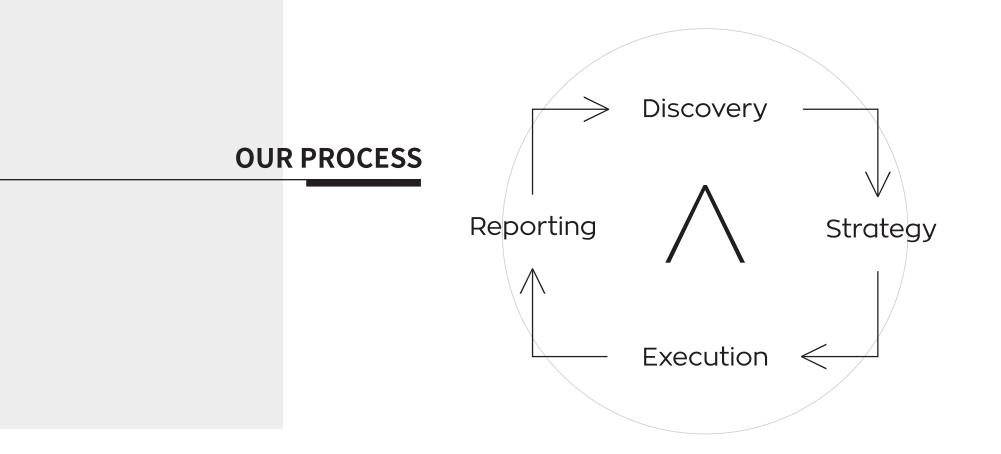


VISION STATEMENT

ARO Creative is a woman-owned, full service creative agency headquartered in Tennessee. Through comprehensive strategies, ARO is focused on cultivating partnerships, promoting community initiatives, and creating impactful work for our brands and clients.

ARO begins each project with a sincere understanding of our client's values and goals. Together, we develop a strategy to connect the values of those goals across an array of communication tactics, creating engaging content as well as visual impact. Our process also includes a strategic method for measuring our success with the ability to pivot quickly to ensure the inclusion of all our desired outcomes.

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Our experienced, interdisciplinary teams work in close collaboration with clients, creating strategies to solve problems, communicate from vision and achieve bold goals.

We believe that cohesive brand experiences result in consumer trust that's achieved with consistent, impactful, and thoughtful design thinking across all channels. These channels are best determined when research and strategy are applied before the execution stage. With the use of informed planning and decision making, our strategies continually meet our standards of success. To further improve future endeavors, all projects are reviewed on their levels of success to educate and inform our team on how to adapt and evolve in this ever-changing industry.

CAPABILITIES

We are a full-service creative agency — and we don't take that description lightly. When we work with our clients, they can be assured that we deliver quality work that exceeds goals and expectations.

NAICS Codes

541810 - Advertising Agencies
512110 - Video Production
541430 - Graphic Design Services
541511 - Web Page Design Services
541820 - Public Relations Agencies
541613 - Marketing Consulting Services

STRATEGY

Strategy Growth Data Research Branding Strategic Planning Market Research

DESIGN

Design Brand Identity Website & Web Management Prototypes Packaging Print & Digital Collateral

MARKETING

Marketing Campaigns Content Strategy Social Strategy Advertising Social Media Email Photography Event & Installation Design

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation Content Experiential Design Film & Video Print Management SEO Analytics Public Relations



ASHLEY SHUTT PRESIDENT & CREATIVE DIRECTOR

A California native -- Ashley has extensive agency experience with a background including work in creative production, marketing strategy, and content for B2C and Fortune 500 companies. She has also implemented product brand strategies to assist the jointventure of two Fortune 200 companies and has produced content for Clorox, General Electric, Camelbak, Goodwill, and other major brands. Among her professional accomplishments, she obtained a 40 Under 40 recognition, she is featured in "Who's Who In America, Top Professionals' and has received multiple, regional awards for entrepreneurship and business excellence in Tennessee.

Ashley Shart

KAYLEE SILVERS ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Kaylee is a detail-oriented and organized leader who is dedicated to managing ARO's accounts, finding solutions, and problem solving. She has extensive experience in brand strategy and social media content creation; pitching ideas to better serve client's needs. She is dedicated to creating new and interactive content that helps support the missions and ideas of our client portfolio. Kaylee specializes in interpersonal communication, data management, and various other content development and management assets.

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AUDRY BONACHE GRAPHIC DESIGNER

With extensive experience in art and graphic design, Audry makes the perfect new addition to the ARO team. Based in Sweden, Europe, she remotely works on creating new content, newsletters, branding assets, and much more for ARO's clientele. Audry has a passion for learning and creating content that evolves with our industry and clients needs.

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OUR TEAM







MEGAN GAFFNEY UX DESIGNER

Megan is an awarded UX Designer with experience in the tourism, government and music industries. She creates flawless websites, conducting research, wire framing, prototyping and building. Megan prides herself on building websites that are user-friendly, modern and provides amazing user experience. With a Master's degree in business and branding, she knows what is needed to create an innovative site that -- while stunning -- invites users to be immersed in technology that creates actionable experiences.



EDY RECENDEZ VIDEOGRAPHER

Edy Recendez is a director based out of Knoxville, TN. He started working in the industry from an early age which led him to understand and value every aspect of film making. Edy specializes in tourism and place advertising. He's a problem solver by nature, his creative vision along with his passion for collaboration is what has led him to work with a number of different brands and artists from all over the globe.



CHARITY HONEYCUTT HONEYBEE STYLING & DESIGN

Charity is an art director, event designer, and stylist. She designs sets for global production companies, HGTV, Travel Channel, and Discovery Network. Among her many accolades, Charity was the stylist and set designer for a John H. Daniels marketing campaign that featured Chris Blue. She works alongside stars such as The Property Brothers Drew and Ionathan Scott, Patricia Nash, Erin and Ben Napier of Hometown, and many more. In 2016, she planned Jordan Smith's (winner of The Voice) wedding which was featured in People Magazine, one of over 30 weddings she produces each year. Charity has worked hand in hand with ARO over the years and is considered an integral member of our creative team.



TAYLOR STERN DIGITAL MEDIA/CONSUMER EVENT STRATEGIST

Taylor works on the Consumer Marketing team as the Sr. Marketing and Events Manager for USA TODAY producing corporate events and overseeing marketing strategy. She has worked with ARO for 3 years on developing and implementing digital strategy. Taylor has experience with social media management, event production, and building brand presence. She coordinates and facilitates events for The National Sports Awards with VIP quests including Shaquille O'Neal, Clay Matthews and Von Miller. This touring event brings in several million dollars a year for the USA Today Network.

LOGO DESIGN + BRANDING

ARO will work with Johnson City Young Professionals to design a logo to showcase their new brand. This logo will utilize stunning visuals that will put a modern spin on the Johnson City Chamber's existing branding. This process includes leading the design direction, crafting the designs themselves, and presenting the final deliverables to JC Young Professionals. The logo will be clean, versatile and modern, establishing JC Young Professionals as a reputable program throughout the region. ARO will establish a flexible logo system that can be utilized on a wide variety of materials including print and digital collateral.

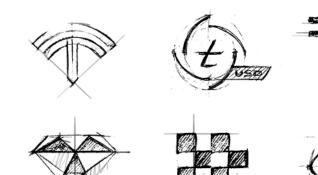
DESIGN + BRANDING PORCESS

- Week 1 Market research and data gathering
- Week 2 Pen to paper and design drafting
- Week 3 First draft design options submitted for feedback
- Week 4 Revisions and final draft presentation

DELIVERABLES

ARO will create these deliverables to be used by JC Young Professionals (note: any additional creation of collateral such as business cards, email signatures, or banners is not included in the scope of work).

- Logo Development and Design
- Finalized Style and Branding Guide including logo usage and guidelines
- All Logo Files in multiple formats





WEBSITE DESIGN + DEVELOPMENT

ARO will work with JC Young Professionals to create a user-friendly website and portal that features a fresh design, useful for the young professional, networking individual, or job seeker. The design will be vibrant, and appealing to necessary demographics and will ultimately create a functional and informative tool for the organization to utilize.

The site will be built in Wordpress which is the most widely used platform by developers. ARO creates sites using Elementor which is a visual editing tool, easily learned by clients and agencies alike. This allows for the ultimate flexibility in client editing and management once the site is complete. ARO will provide all necessary site training upon project completion.

FUNCTIONALITY

In addition to ARO's standard of User Experience Design and usability functions, the website will be built to accommodate E-commerce capabilities as well as a user login function. The user login function will enable chat rooms, as well as member-specific information. Included in ARO's website services is basic SEO setup and integration which will allow for future expansion of SEO strategies.

DESIGN + LAYOUT

The main structure of the website's layout will feature all assets of the Johnson City Young Professionals branding and initiatives. The graphics will include vibrant colors to aid in navigation and appeal, while also portraying a polished and professional look and feel.

HOSTING + MAINTENANCE

Website hosting and maintenance are not included in ARO's website pricing structure. These services are available through ARO at an additional cost. More information can be provided upon project approval, and discussed in the project kickoff meeting, if interested.

Website Development Process

Phase I

Landscape & History User Study Research Document	1 Discovery Completion Date Approval
eatures & Functionality Matrix	2 Planning
Mapping & Wireframing	Completion Date
Prototype	Approval
Design Comps	3 Create
Final Functionality Assessment	Completion Date
Final Comps	Approval
Content Delivery from Client Photography and Videography Usability (UX) Testing	Se II Step 3 will likely impact cost & timeframe 4 Content Completion Date Approval
Programming Content Population Programming Signoff	5 Development Completion Date Approval
CMS Training Setup Analytics Final Proof & Beta Testing	6 Testing & Metrics Completion Date Approval
Paid Media Support	O Launch
Social Media Support	Completion Date
Evaluate	Approval



To whom it may concern,

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It is our joy at the City of Kingsport to strongly recommend ARO Creative Inc. for any branding/communications work and partnerships.

We began working with ARO after deciding we needed to implement a fresher look in our city's branding. We had been watching the ARO team for some time and it was evident that they were extremely talented. After seeing their work be so successful, we were so glad to partner with them to work on rebranding our city.

ARO Creative orchestrated the city-wide strategy and the campaign development, and exceeded our expectations. Their design and campaign expertise are, frankly, unmatched. They were extremely collaborative with internal and external partnerships and agencies and encouraged us many times to think outside the box.

On top of their work, they are simply a great team. They are personable and communicate well; we were always in the loop. They meet deadlines and truly seek out to best understand the goals and values of their clients.

If you need any more specific examples of why ARO is a wonderful team to work with, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Batara Public Information & Communications Director City of Kingsport

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To whom it may concern,

ARO Creative Inc. has been a quality partner in working with General Shale marketing. Upon initial meetings, the team shared a genuine interest and investment in understanding our brand, products, customers, and employees that has continued into production and implementation.

The team's approach to providing solutions and ideas is thoughtful and professional, with a refreshing sense of creative enthusiasm. While our strategies and projects are still ongoing, the results thus far have exceeded our expectations and are on track to perform as planned and outlined in the business strategy.

We look forward to a continued partnership with ARO Creative Inc. and would highly recommend them for business and marketing solutions.

Regards,

Luke Guinn

Marketing Manager, General Shale



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Partnership for Progress"

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure I write to enthusiastically endorse the outstanding team at ARO Creative for any communications/marketing/branding project or contract.

I have worked with this amazing company for the past few years on the Kingsport Chamber's Annual Dinner. Dubbed "Kingsport's Social Event of the Year!," this popular, sold-out event is

the major fundraiser for our organization. With more than 1,700 in attendance, it is the largest Chamber of Commerce Dinner in the nation and a high-profiled, very visible affair. And a big reason for the evening's huge success is due to the dedicated, talented, creative and consummate professionals at ARO Creative.

ARO Creative served as the creative design and brand sponsor for the event. Their design work was stellar, the creativity unparalleled and the professionalism first-class. They were always ahead of schedule and exceeded expectations at every turn. Their detailed planning and constant communications with us relieved any worry or stress as they managed their efforts with a calm and reassuring presence.

ARO Creative created the design theme for the evening and produced the event's invitation, tickets, program and stage backdrop and helped with the event's marketing/branding strategies. We continue to receive numerous compliments on their fabulous work. It is because of their branding genius, superb creative design and marketing ideas that the event had another record, sold-out crowd. The event continues to garner enormous media attention and it has received national acclaim, including award recognition from the Tri-Cities TN/VA Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

In addition to ARO Creative's superb design and marketing skills, their team's personable and friendly demeanor makes working with this fine group a true pleasure. I have worked with ARO Creative on other city projects and business endeavors and their work is always first rate and their results highly successful.

As one who constantly plans and attends numerous events and who produces a variety of marketing campaigns, I can attest without hesitation that the superb team at ARO Creative is first-class in every aspect of marketing, social media, creative design and brand development and will take any promotional endeavor to the highest levels of excellence.

I strongly and proudly applaud ARO Creative and highly recommend them to any potential client.

With much appreciation,

Robert H. Feagins Executive Director of Communications & Development Kingsport Chamber

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TARA HODGES PHOTOGRAPHY







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Over the last two years General Shale has gone from being a leader in the building materials industry to becoming the largest brick manufacturer in the world. ARO was selected as the agency of record to help guide the brand through these transitions and has continuously provided the support needed for their international marketing. The General Shale team was looking to modernize the way they connected with their consumers and businesses. As their strategic marketing partner, ARO has helped usher in new, digital tools to connect with customers. Since the partnership began, ARO has delivered many successful campaigns from marketing strategy, print management, social media strategy and a multi-national website development transition. Work examples shown in this proposal are composed of projects spanning over a 2.5 year time period.

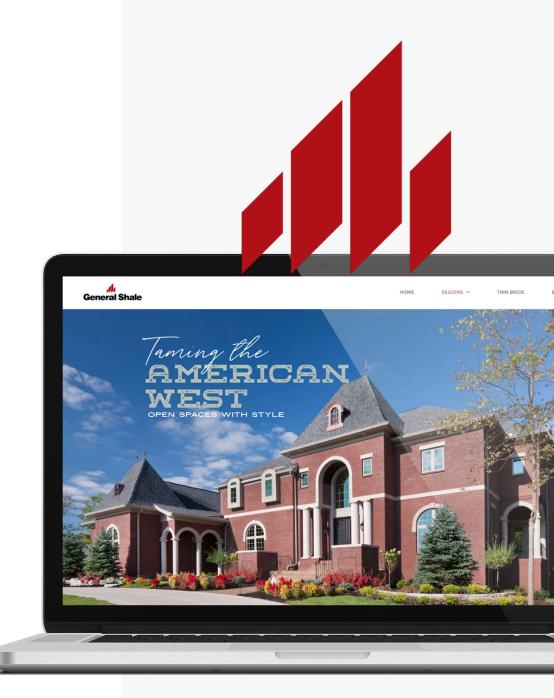
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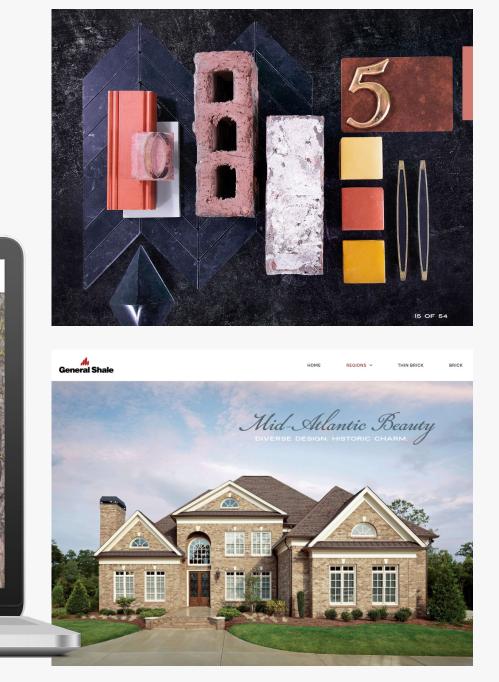
Video and Photography Library

Comprehensive Marketing Strategy

B2C, B2B and Internal Marketing Campaigns

Modernized Branding and Collateral











THE PARTNERSHIP

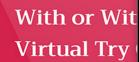
Innovation is eternal. Couture Technologies is at the forefront of fashion innovation with tech that could change how consumers try on clothing. ARO partnered with Couture Technologies to establish a strong, vibrant brand through website creation and a bold brand video. Inspired by innovative, avant-garde designers and striking colors, ARO created a stunning site that encompasses key messaging and useful information about Couture Technology's state-of-the-art product. The brand video encapsulates Couture Technology's mission: high fashion, bold ideas and futuristic technology.

THE RESULTS

Bold Brand Video

Stunning Website

Timeless Design

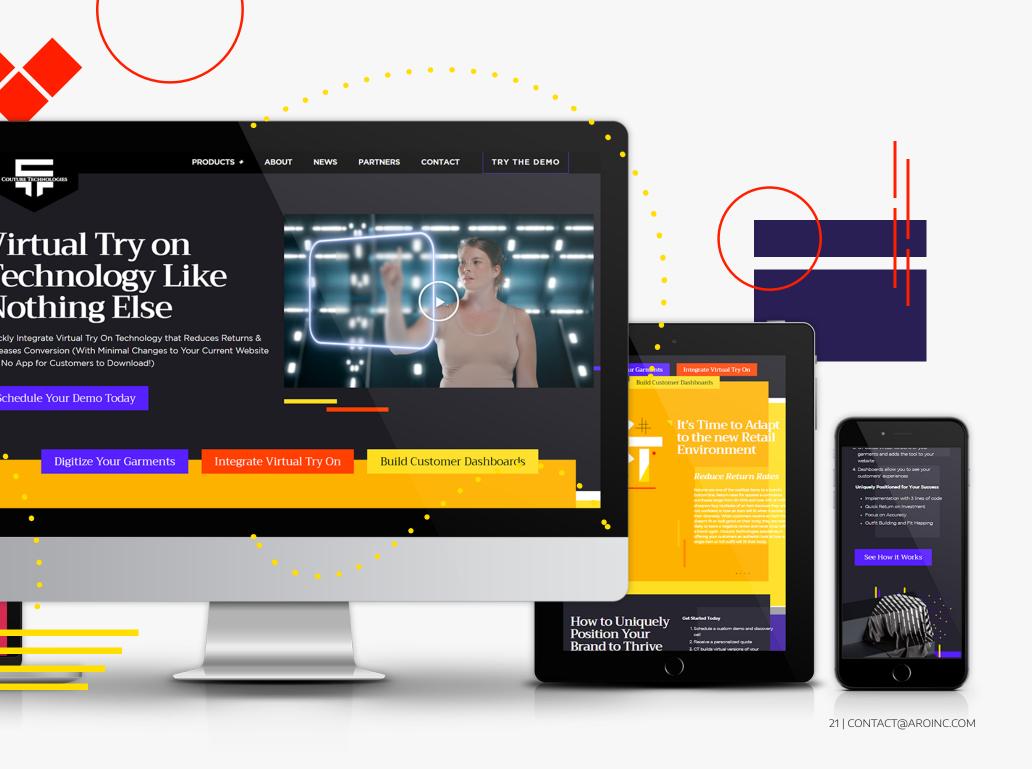


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THE PARTNERSHIP

Modern flair on a traditional icon. ARO partnered with Dobyn's Bennett to create a logo that takes the rounded arch of the D and the B and creates an abstract upward flowing visual.. These curved shaped pull from a motion that can also be found when students raise their instruments to perform, the color guard elegantly arches their flags, and the conductor lifts his baton to begin the piece. The upward motion represents the spirit to do and achieve more, and the abstract style allows a fresh interpretation of the artistry created daily by these students.

THE RESULTS

Extensive Branding Guide

Modern Branding

Iconic Symbol

Typography

Kenyan Coffee

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Regular Italic Bold Bold I

Italic Regular Bold Italic Bold

There are two fonts in the DB Band branding. Kenyan Coffee is to be used for headlines and eye-catching callouts. Droid Serif is a more traditional style that is to be used for paragraph text and other instances where legibility is key. Examples of both are on the right.

Droid Serif

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Italic

Bold Italic

Kenyan Coffee: https://www.dafont.com/kenyan-coffee.font Droid Serif: https://www.fontsquirrel.com/fonts/droid-serif

Both fonts are free and can be found online at the following links:

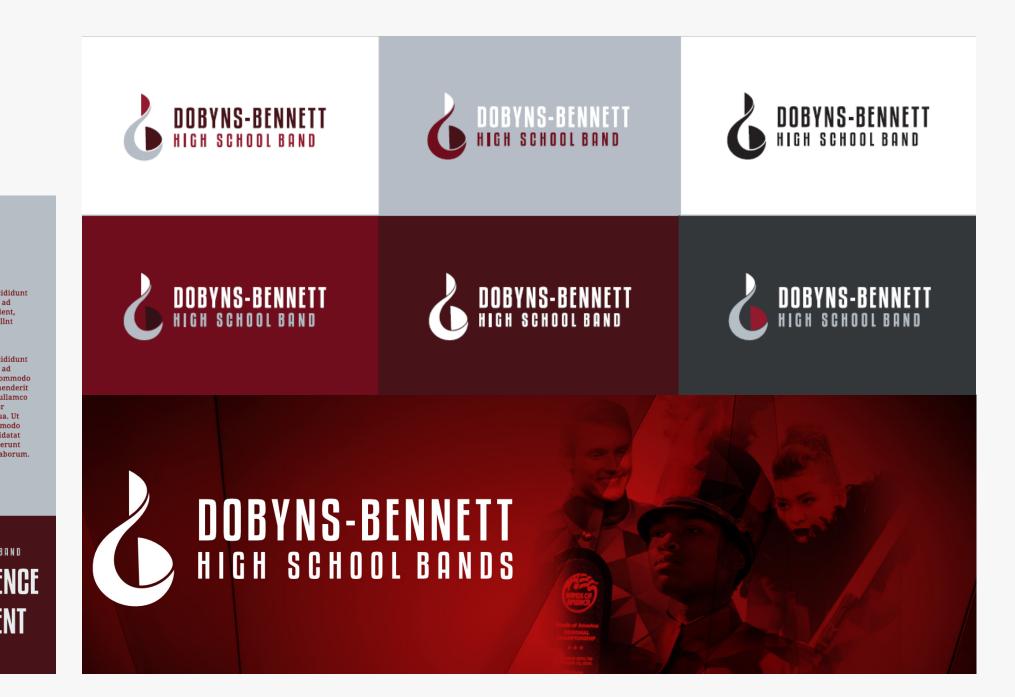
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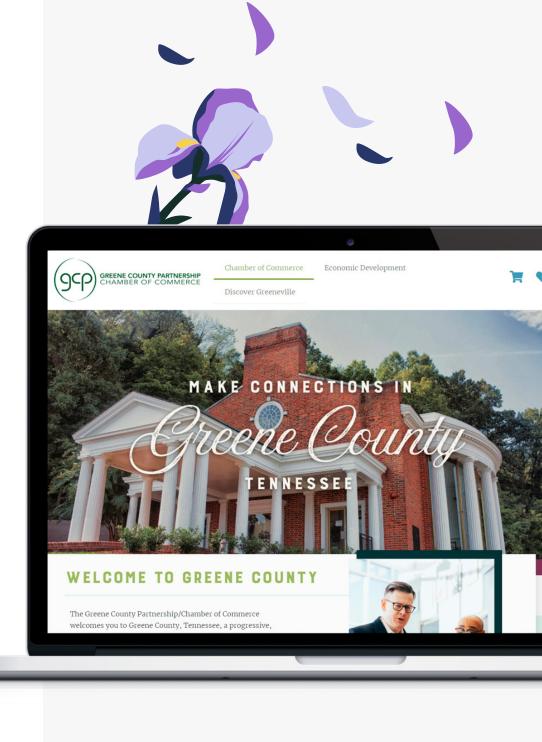
A partnership for the greater good. ARO partnered with the city of Greeneville, TN to capture the beauty, history, and rich community of the city and create a modern representation of future plans for their continued economic development and tourism intiatives. ARO designed and hand-painted a "Greetings From..." mural inspired by the heritage, adventure and hospitality of Greeneville, all while creating a fresh, user-friendly website to support the needs of the community.

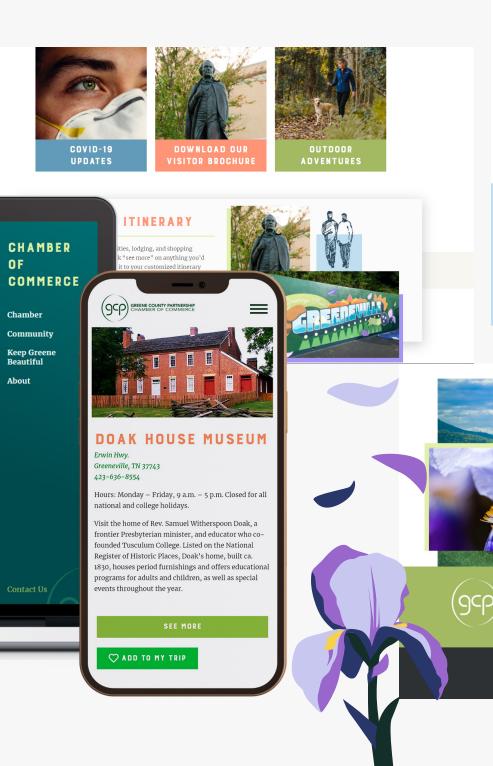
THE RESULTS

Custom Mural

Cohesive Website

Modern Representation







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CONNECT O U T D O O R S

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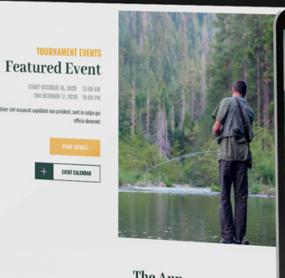
Outdoor enthusiasts, unite. ARO partnered with Connect Outdoors through Launch Tennessee's program, The Bundled Initiative. We were tasked with creating a unique website that had the capabilities needed to support significant brand growth and membership. This website need to function as a web-based fishing league app, membership login portal, and e-commerce shop for brand merchandise as well as product sales. ARO took inspiration from the great outdoors and hand-illustrated fish and other textures to ensure this design was as unique as the brand.

THE RESULTS

Hand-crafted Website

E-Commerce Shop

Member Login Portal



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SHOP NOW

Clothing starting at XX





TARA HODGES PHOTOGRAPHY

THE PARTNERSHIP

A picture is worth a thousand words. ARO partnered with Tara Hodges to recreate her brand in a very powerful way. Under the inspiration of nature and the art behind it, we created a logo and branding guide that flows with a variety of different photography styles. This logo option plays with the TH initials in an abstract way. The movement of the logo brings to mind the natural and organic feel of impressionist paintings. The fluidity of the typography speaks to the nature of the photographer and the work that is created through the brand.

THE RESULTS

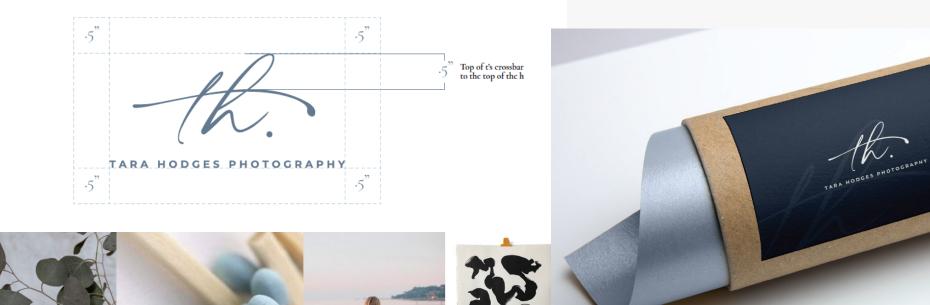
Abstract Logo

Powerful Branding Guide

Stunning Marketing Collateral

Color Palette





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this is kingsport

THE PARTNERSHIP

Strong heritage, focus on family and a vision to build on a foundation of innovation. "This is Kingsport" was a city-wide movement to celebrate and share 101 years of achievements and the continuation of an inspired outlook in the mountainous city of Kingsport, TN. After the implementation of a well-planned strategy, new and versatile branding, a brand video encompassing the vision, and website to showcase it all, Kingsport is leveraged to increase economic development initiatives, and encourage community engagement. Projects completed within this contract: comprehensive city-wide marketing strategy, "This Is Kingsport" campaign design and development, full branding package with logo and style guide/usage examples, campaign video, and a community website portal.

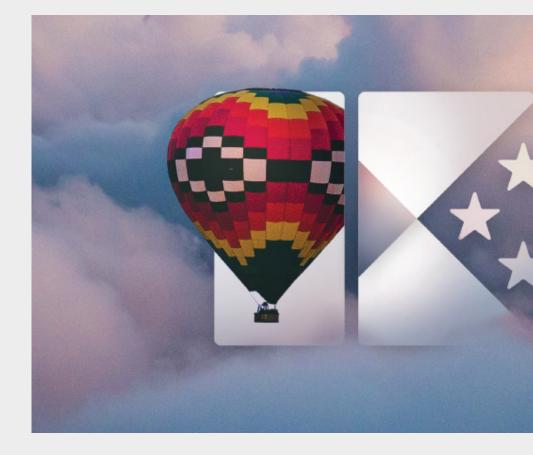
THE RESULTS

Comprehensive Strategic Communication Plan

An In-Touch Community Website

Full Branding Package

Inspiring Hero Video





family fun

sports

parks

exercise

Welcome to Kingsport

FAQ BLOG EVENTS RESOURCES CONNECT

Featured Events

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FAQ

EXPERIENCES ARTS DOWNTOWN EDUCATION MOVE TO RESIDENTS SHOP & DINE WORK CITY RESOURCES

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Warriors' Path

A variety of paddle craft are available for There are two free, public shurch ramps a The marina is open year-round. Wethesc but hours vary by season. A snack bar is i marini. There is also an olympic size pool diving pool and a children's wading pool. during swimming hours.







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The Bear Brothers brand is strong, masculine, and iconic. By utilizing a textured headline font, we reinforce the idea of accapeting the old. The contrasting clean and modern font tie in the new, communicating that transition of the trucks and individuals who become part of this community Bear Brothers is striving to create. The grayscale colors achieve a timelss and professional look. Bold photography and minimalistic graphics are used to emphasize the high quality products created by Bear Brothers.

THE RESULTS

Iconic Logo

Timeless Branding Guide

Cohesive Marketing Collateral

LOGO GUIDELINES



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The Bear Brothers logo should always have space on each side that is at least equal to the height of the "R" and "O" in "Brothers". In this example, that is half an inch.

Do not place o unapproved backgrounds.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography should be well lit, have plenty of contrast, and sharp resolution. When people are shown, they should have genuine expressions and natural stances.







LOGO DESIGN + BRANDING

- Market Research
- Logo Design + Development
- Style + Branding Guide

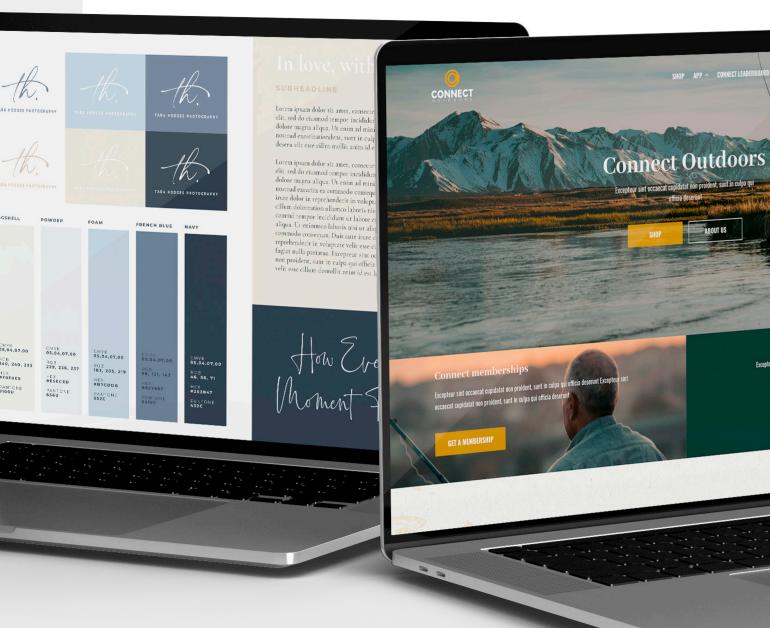
\$5,800

WEBSITE DESIGN + DEVELOPMENT

PRICING

- Wireframe + Backend Structure
- Website Design + User Experience
- Website Development
- User Login Integration + Chat Room Setup
- eCommerce Capability Integration
- Content Organization + Page Structure
- Basic SEO Setup

\$12,500



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Connect fishing league

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OWNERSHIP

Upon project completion and payment, Johnson City maintains sole ownership of all content created or procured. Any licenses or fees purchased during the development of all marketing and branding materials will become ownership of The City of Bristol.

WARRANTY AND ONGOING SUPPORT

ARO Creative provides a 60-day warranty on all work starting at the final launch date. During that time, we guarantee all deliverables are functional. Any work performed after this time is handled as additional support and billed separately at an hourly rate of \$125/hr.

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APPENDIX



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