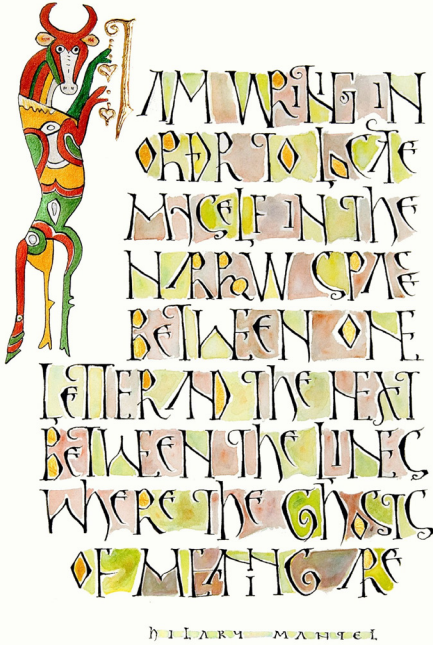


Friends of Calligraphy is pleased to present a workshop with

# Risa Gettler

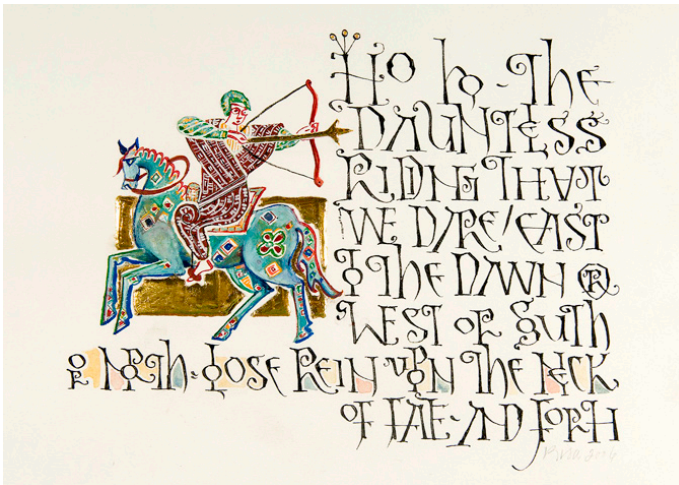
# VISIGOTHIC VERSALS



What are Visigothic Versals? In addition to being a national hand they are the unique and exclusive writing style of early medieval Spain. And what do I love about them? They free us from the restraints of slavishly trying to reproduce letterforms by offering alternatives that better 'translate' the written message. Visigothic Versals provide playful ligatures while demanding a keen eye to balance and form. We'll be working to achieve same line length with the aid of ligatures, selections of decorative capitals,

knotted letters and zoomorphics. Visigothic Versals are rhythmic and give you, the artist, as well as your readers something distinctively individual and creative. Included in my class is early medieval Spanish music, flamenco dance videos, list of Spanish authors and poets.

**Risa Gettler:** When my nieces and nephews, and now my great nieces and nephews, ask me about college I giggle and say, 'calligraphy was an elective.' You just never know when you're going to turn a corner and walk into a classroom and fall in love. Decades later, 2003, I saw Visigothic Versals for the first time and, just as Spain was conquered by the Moors in 711, so too was I inextricably captured. From that moment to now I have been exclusively studying and teaching Visigothic art and letterforms. I've achieved many accolades by following my bliss, the top being a certificate for His Holiness Pope Paul, II followed by regional and international recognitions, including a CD cover design for Early Medieval Spanish Music via The National Endowment of the Arts.



**Six Mondays: October 7 to November 11, 2024**  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm PST  
via Zoom  
\$140 for FOC members

**Participants must have the following:**

- An electronic device: computer, smartphone, or tablet with camera and microphone.
- Access to a printer for handouts emailed before the workshop.
- The Zoom app. (<https://zoom.us/>)

Registration will begin at 8 am PDT on Monday, September 16 at [friendsofcalligraphy.org/pages/classes](https://friendsofcalligraphy.org/pages/classes) Scroll to Visigothic Versals. Click: Pay Now



We are only accepting online payments for this class. The class is limited to FOC members. To join FOC, go to: [friendsofcalligraphy.org/pages/join.html](https://friendsofcalligraphy.org/pages/join.html). Workshop fees are refundable until September 30. Questions? Contact Evelyn Eldridge at [escrita@gmail.com](mailto:escrita@gmail.com).

