

Accents & Accented Characters (cont.)

Prebuilt accented characters can be accessed either directly from the glyph panel or by using specific key combinations; many more can be created on-the-fly by using key commands to add the floating accent to create the desired character. Note that keyboard commands vary between Mac and other PC software, as well as for non-U.S. keyboard layouts.

When setting type that requires accented characters, take the time to locate these somewhat uncommon glyphs. Be sure to select or create the correct one, as some can be easily confused, such as the acute and the grave accent. Proper, consistent inclusion of accent marks and accented characters is an essential element of professional typography, as well as an opportunity to satisfy clients and help inform readers. ■



OpenType Pro fonts contain a much larger set of accented characters, as shown in this setting of the Metro® Nova typeface.