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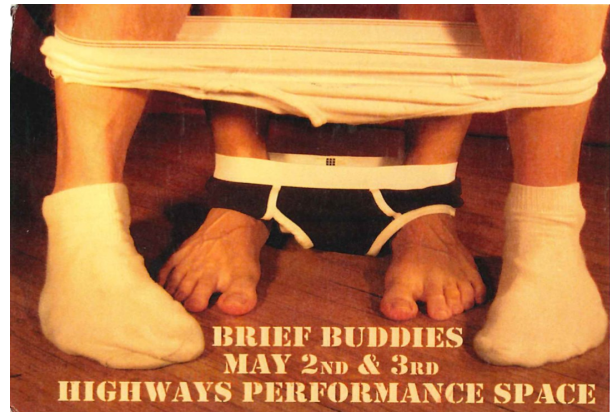
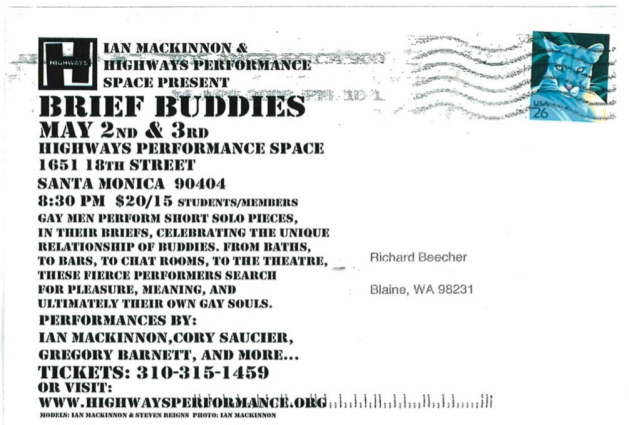
HIGHWAYS PERFORMACE SPACE AND THEIR PROVOCATIVE POSTCARD MAILINGS

By Richard L. Beecher

Highways, located in Santa Monica, California, is a theatre performance space for artists looking to explore progressive and alternative works of theatre, music, dance, spoken work and interactive media. From its small beginnings in 1989, it has always been receptive to the works of LGBTQ artists.

In order to promote its events to the public, Highways has used the mails to publicize such events, frequently in the form of postcard mailings. Some of these mailings have been quite provocative, to say the least. Two such mailings are shared.

The first event, from May of 2008, promoted an event called *Brief Buddies*. While one side of the card gave the recipient all the details of the who, what, where and when of the event, the other side presented a rather suggestive photo of the lower portion of two men’s legs, with their underwear briefs positioned around their ankles. No one could argue that such a mailing was not going to be noticed.



Even more scandalous, and in celebration of Valentines Day and a nod to the 16th president of the United States, Highways presented a fundraising event title *Abraham Lincoln’s Big Gay Valentine’s Bash* in February of 2010. Once again, the particulars of the event are offered on the address side of the card, while the steamy side of the card showed a picture of Honest Abe’s head superimposed on the body of muscular nude man, holding what appears to be a spear and reclining on what appears to be leopard skin throw rug. Outrageous, you might say, but both cards were delivered to their destination without running afoul of any content restrictions that the United States Postal Service may have had in place. (Images continued on page 4)



The *Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal* is published quarterly by Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps (GLHS). GLHS is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society (APS), Number 205, and a study unit of the American Topical Association (ATA), Number 458.

The **objective** of GLHS is to promote an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- Notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation,
- Mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- Flora and fauna scientifically proven as having prominent homosexual behavior, and

Even though emphasis is placed on the above aspects of stamp collecting, GLHS strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

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Membership Report

Our current membership consists of **82** members. 48 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 37 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

When you join the APS, ATA and/or AFDCS notify GLHS

! New Members !

Joan C., AZ

Additional volunteers are needed

- Social Media Committee to explore options for group open and/or closed online communications/meetings such as Google, Instagram, twitter, blogs, go-to meeting, HipChat, etc.
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- Advertising Committee
- Submit articles, journeys, cover/postal history write ups, travels and philatelic events





GLHS Annual Meeting

August 13, 2023
11:00 AM

The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time in Room 13.

The Great American Stamp Show which takes place August 10-13, 2023, in Cleveland, Ohio. The show site is the Huntington Convention Center, 300 Lakeside Avenue. Sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society, the event features hundreds of exhibits, highlighted by the World Series of Philately competition, featuring the best exhibits from regional shows held around the country.

A philatelic literature competition, both printed and digital, is also scheduled. The largest annual philatelic event in the United States also features a more than 85 dealer bourse, Kewriga Auctions, seminars and philatelic society meetings, including our own. The U.S. Postal Service, the Faroe Islands and the U.N. Postal Administration will have booths at the show. Admission is free and paid parking is available. For more details on the event and registration, visit the [APS website](https://www.apsa.org).

Body, Mind, Soul FDC



Thursday, Aug. 10
1:00 p.m. on show floor,
stage next to USPS

United Nations Postal Administration

Three stamps (pane of 20) and three souvenir sheets featuring Taijiquan, Calligraphy and Guqin. Artist: Yun Zhang (P.R. China)

GASS Future Dates/Locations

- 2023 August 10-13 Cleveland OH
- 2024 August 15-18, Hartford, CT
- 2025 August 14-17, Schaumburg, IL
- 2026 Bye – Boston 2026 May 23-30

Join NPM at GASS to talk about LGBTQIA Postal History

August 12, 2023
1:00 PM

The National Postal Museum is embarking on a series of study days and one of the first ones will be about LGBTQIA postal history and we want your help!

So, what's a study day? Study days are an opportunity for the Postal Museum to consult expert philatelists and subject matter experts to understand what is in the Museum's collection and what's missing. Study days help staff understand how to describe and display what they have and develop an acquisition plan to fill key gaps in their collection. In the case of LGBTQIA postal history, the Museum's collection is quite limited and staff would like to understand what they should be acquiring as well as likely sources of material.

How can you help? There will be a study day planning session held at GASS on Saturday, August 12th at 1:00 PM. All are welcome and those who identify as LGBTQIA are particularly encouraged to attend and provide input into content for a study day as well as key attendees from the LGBTQIA philatelic community. Check the GASS schedule of events for the specific room.



First Day of Issue

Thinking of You

United States Postal Service
Pane of 20, forever

Friday, Aug. 11
11:00 a.m. on show floor,
stage next to USPS

(Highways, Continued from page 1).

1651 18th Street
@ 18th Street Arts Center
(1/2 block N. of Olympic Blvd.)
Santa Monica, CA 90404

Highways
artistic director Leo Garcia
Presents

Fri. + Sat. Feb. 12 + 13, 2010

**Abraham Lincoln's
Big Gay Valentine's Bash**
+ Benefit for Highways

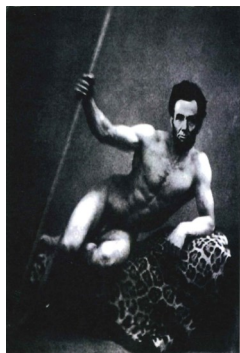
Host Ian MacKinnon and guests The Nellie Olesons,
Flint, Øzadzisz, Ørsw Mason, Øvianna X Ingravallo,
Ørlian Wood, Mas, Tyler Ønaly, Ørsw Øroegge + mor!

Come celebrate Valentines and our first gay president
with works about love, sex, and romance.
Special appearance by music, lap dancing
Abraham Lincoln.
8:30 pm \$25

Champagne and dessert reception follows

Ticket Information / Phone Reservations: 310-315-1450
Purchase tickets online @ www.highwaysperformance.org

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(card front)

WANT LISTS

Send want lists to glhstamps2@gmail.com

COLLECTOR SEEKS VINTAGE POSTCARDS WITH LGBT CONNECTION (People, History, etc. ALSO MAGS PRIOR TO 1980. Please email Frank at FFINO69@aol.com

Ian Gibson-Smith is seeking the following:

- There was a mailing in 1988 about AIDS. I would love to find an original and know how it was mailed.
- Love letters or letters from gay men or lesbians from prior to 1850 or so that have LGBT relevance. (Stampless postal history)
- Any postal history associated with Baron von Steuben

Dear friend. I was a stamp collector. Postcard collector. FDC collector. Now I'm just staying with my autograph collection.

I suggest if you have an autograph then I will send you: 50 stamps for one autograph Or 10 postcards for one autograph Or 1 fdc for one autograph.

I have that you like my perspective
Marek, Instagram Wysoczynski
The smile photographer

Does anyone have any information on this Danish cancellation?



Ricard found a possible new Pride cancellation. He has emailed CopenhagenPride and is waiting to hear back from them. He did not hear anything from the Danish Post Office.

website: Welcome - Copenhagen Pride



LGBT Exhibit Wish List

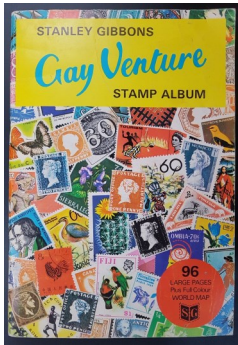
Tomas Griebing is thinking of putting together an exhibit related to LGBT symbols, specifically the Lambda, the Labrys, and the Pink Triangle. He will need stamps, cancels, meters, covers, cachets, postcards, etc. The focus is the symbols (specifically Pink Triangle - or Blank Triangle - Lambda, and Labrys).

He will not be including the Pride Flag rainbow or the Red Ribbon (HIV specific).

If anyone has any to share, sell, trade or has contacts that would assist Tomas in completing this project, please email TLGINKC@yahoo.com

Gay Ventures

A Philatelic Column - Larry Crain



Diversity. Let's hear it for diversity!

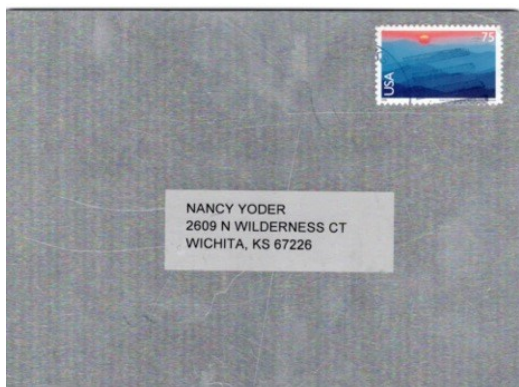
So, what can diversity be in philately? Let me suggest a variety of countries, themes or topics, items (stamps, cancels, etc.), or with-in those (registration

cancels, transit cancels, auxiliary markings, etc.), etc. [Gee, I used etc. three times in one sentence. Fun! But that's the point.

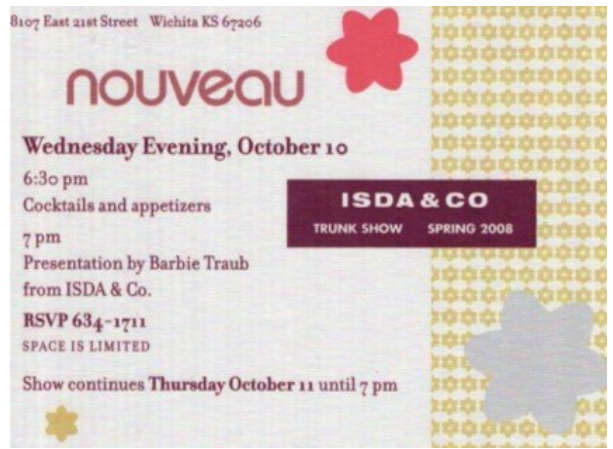
I showed *fun* in an exhibit at our local show last month. I showed "Eclectic Stuff I Just Had to Keep." The rest of this column is a show-and-share.



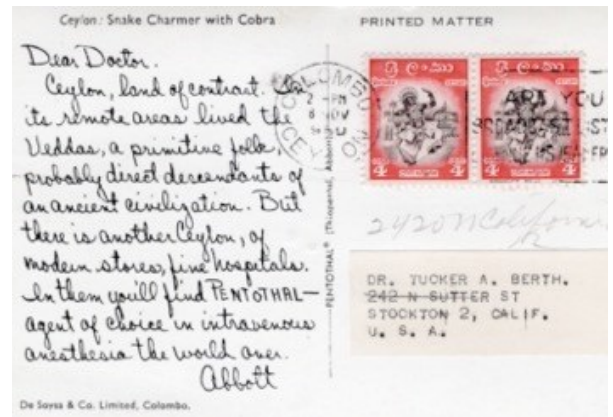
Coconut – also shown in the exhibit were a leaf, a spoon and a mail bag



Aluminum post card – also shown of copper laminate, tree bark, plywood, leather



message side of aluminum card



Dear Doctor card from Ceylon – shown were nine others from four continents

Dear Doctor cards were sent by Abbott Labs to advertise Pentothal. This promotion was followed by other companies and some cards are in other languages.



Strange place to place (Bermuda to Mauritius) – eight covers were shown in all

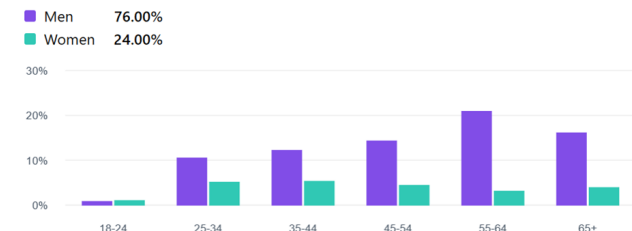
GLHS on Facebook

Joe Petronie, the Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps Facebook Administrator shared: Just an interesting stat from the FB page. The drop off pre-25 is worse than I thought it would be - ouch!

Audience

634 Facebook followers

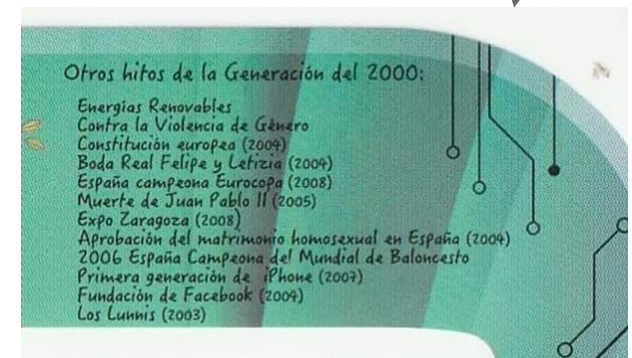
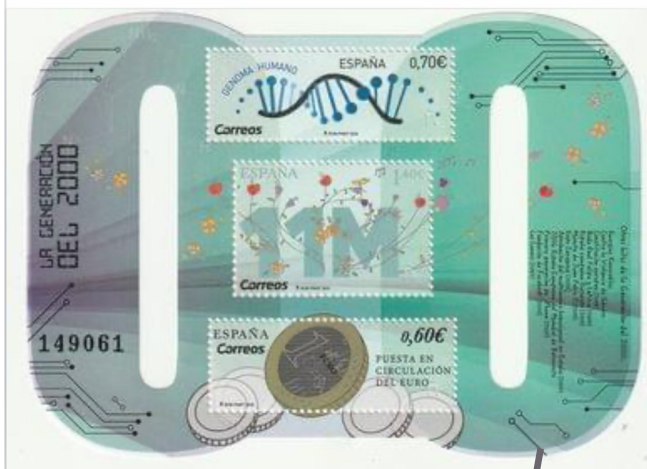
Age and Gender



Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps

Correos (Spain) issued a souvenir sheet of three stamps in 2019. The theme of the issue is "the generation of 2000". On the right side there is a list of other milestones of generation 2000. The list includes the approval of gay marriages in Spain in 2004. [Thanks to Ricard for alerting the group of these stamps.]

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Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps

Ricard found these German personalized stamps on the internet. They are from 2022. If anyone has any information on them, please let us know!

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All comments

- Top fan
Maxim van Ooijen
 These are personal stamps (Briefmarke Individuell) issued by Deutsche Post DHL Group for the ColognePride 2022 from 1 to 3 July 2022. 70 cent is the tariff for an inland postcard.
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Maxim van Ooijen
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Katharine Lee Bates

by Jerry Hall

Katharine Lee Bates was born on August 12, 1859, in Falmouth, Massachusetts. She was a professor of English at Wellesley College, near Boston. Besides teaching, she also wrote volumes of poetry, travel books and a number of scholarly books. She also wrote several children's books.

In July 1893, Bates and several other professors spent three weeks teaching a summer session at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Near the end of their trip, they made the journey to the top of Pikes Peak. She was overwhelmed by the sight of the Rocky Mountains. It was here that she was inspired to write the poem, *America the Beautiful*.

Two years passed before the poem was published. *The Congressionalist* magazine published it on July 4, 1895. It became an immediate success. Bates felt that since so many people loved this poem, and a few were miscopying some of the words, she made a slight revision in 1904. The final version that we know today was published in 1911. It was set to the music that Samuel A. Ward wrote for the ancient hymn "Materna."

On April 24, 1981, the U. S. Postal Service issued three stamps with phrases from *America the Beautiful*. Scott number 1890 was issued in sheet format with an amber scene, 1891 in coil format with a blue scene and 1893 in booklet with a purple scene. The booklet contains 2 number 1892 and 6 number 1893.



From the *Lambda Philatelic Journal*,
September 1996, Vol 15, Number 3

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The debate on Ms. Bates began in 1993, when lesbians in the Colorado Springs area claimed her as one of their own. The arguments for:

- A biography written by a niece states that Bates, as a child wrote: "I like women better than men."
- While at Oxford, Bates described how a student "nestled her aching head against me while we watched the sunset amber in the sky..."
- Bates shared a house with a fellow Wellesley professor for 35 years. Her name was Katharine Coman.
- When Coman died, Bates was "bewildered past all pain, past all desire, in grief too dull for tears."
- Lillian Faderman, in her book, *Surpassing the Love of Men*, wrote that Bates and Coman shared what was at the time called a "Boston Marriage." Faderman feels that today we "probably" would view such people as women-identified women, i.e. lesbians.

Those who argue against Bates being a lesbian claim:

- Melinda Ponder, a professor at Pine Manor College and author of a new biography on Bates, thinks it highly unlikely that Bates and Coman were lovers. They may have been affectionate, but she feels that this was unremarkable.
- Bates had at least one romance with a man, which fell apart with pain.
- Wellesley women were encouraged to remain single.

More research is needed on this famous American. Both sides present their arguments with great passion. One thing is clear: Katharine Lee Bates gave America a "beautiful" poem!

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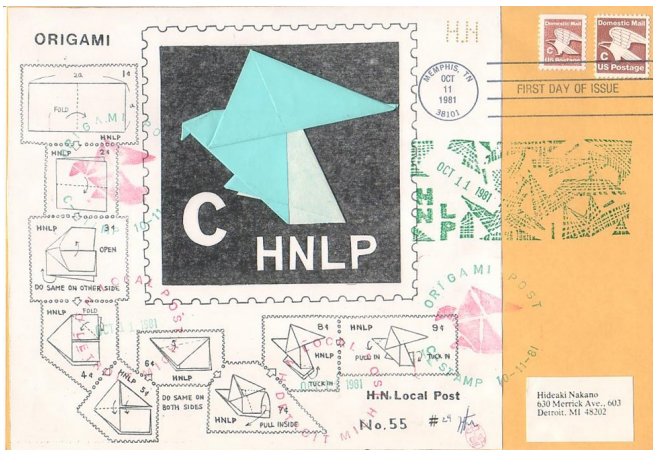
("Gay activists state claim to famous author", The Denver Post, July 7, 1993.)

Surpassing the Love of Men, Lillian Faderman.

GLHSC ARCHIVES

Hideaki Nakano Local Post (HNLP) origami

By Lisa Foster



1981 US 20c "C" rate change Eagle stamps

In addition to oversized political often pointed commentary covers Hideaki Nakano also created limited edition origami covers with points.

The origami dog, pheasant and canal boat covers were made by folding a single sheet of paper, without cutting or pasting.

Foster Miller gave a presentation of Hideaki Nakano FDCs in August 2022 which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=422B5X5gtv8>



22c Puppy, Love Series, US #2202, January 30, 1986, New York, NY, limited edition #46 of 50 covers



25c Pheasant, US #2283, April 29, 1988, Rapid City, SC



10c Canal Boat, Transportation Series Coil, US #2257, April 11, 1987, Buffalo, NY, limited edition #63 of 70 covers



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The AFDCS is a volunteer non-profit and non-commercial organization serving the needs of First Day Cover collectors, cachetmakers, and dealers. Founded in 1955, the society has a membership of over 1,100 active first day cover collectors, including many who design and manufacture their own cacheted FDCs.



The AFDCS has over 30 active chapters. Some are groups of FDC specialists, featuring lively newsletters on their specialty. Other AFDCS Chapters are regional affiliates, giving AFDCS members opportunities to meet other local FDC collectors at regular meeting times.

New Issues

By John P. Stefanek

On 12 June 2023, France released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Death of **Pierre Loti**.

On 9 June 2023, the United Kingdom released Post and Go variable rate labels commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Publication of the First Folio of plays by **William Shakespeare**.

On 8 June 2023, the United Nations (New York, Geneva, and Vienna) released three miniature sheets commemorating World Oceans Day, designed by **Sergio Baradat**.

On 23 May 2023, Australia released a Stamp Pack of twelve stamps and five labels celebrating Disney's Tinker Bell, based on a character created by **J. M. Barrie**.

On 17 May 2023, the United Kingdom released eight stamps, a miniature sheet, and a Collector's Sheet celebrating *Blackadder*, including four stamps and three labels featuring **Stephen Fry (born 1957)**. He was born in Hampstead, London, and read English Literature at Queen's College, Cambridge. He made his television debut in 1982's *The Cellar Tapes*. His 1984 stage musical adaptation of *Me and My Girl* received two Olivier Awards and a Tony nomination. He came to prominence working for several years in a comic duo with best friend Hugh Laurie, and he received a Golden Globe nomination for 1997's *Wilde*. Stephen married comedian Elliott Spencer in 2015.



On 15 May 2023, France released a stamp commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of **Tamara de Lempicka**.

On 12 May 2023, Spain released a stamp celebrating Pioneers of Health, featuring **Florence Nightingale**.

On 9 May 2023, San Marino released a stamp commemorating an **Andy Warhol** Exhibition.

On 5 May 2023, the United States released a stamp commemorating **Tomie dePaola (1934-2020)**. He was born in Meriden, Connecticut, and studied art at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.



He received a Master of Fine Arts from California College of Arts and Crafts and a doctoral equivalency from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco. He taught art at several schools in California and New England, and the first book which he wrote and illustrated was 1966's *The Wonderful Dragon of Timlin*. He worked on over 270 books during his 50-year career. His most-known book, 1975's *Strega Nona*, was a finalist for the Caldecott Medal for illustration. Tomie came out as gay later in life.

On 24 April 2023, Australia released a Stamp Pack of twelve stamps celebrating Disney's *The Lion King*, partly based on a play by **William Shakespeare**, including two stamps featuring the character Timon, voiced by



Nathan Lane (born 1956). He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and after some stand-up comedy and Off-Broadway work, he made his Broadway debut in a 1982 revival of Noel Coward's *Present Laughter*. He went on to win three Tony Awards, six Drama Desk Awards, an Olivier Award, three Emmy Awards, and a Screen Actors Guild Award. He received two Golden Globe nominations for 1996's *The Birdcage* and 2005's *The Producers*. Nathan publicly came out as gay in 1999 after the death of Matthew Shepard. He married theater producer and writer Devlin Elliott in 2015.

On 24 April 2023, Australia released a Stamp Pack of twelve stamps celebrating the Teletubbies, including seven stamps featuring **Tinky Winky**. Televangelist Jerry Falwell alleged in

1999 that Tinky Winky was a "gay role model," probably because the character often carried a bag that looked much like a woman's handbag, but because "he is purple, the gay pride color, and his

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antenna is shaped like a triangle, the gay pride symbol.”

On 15 April 2023, the United Nations (New York, Geneva, and Vienna) released six stamps commemorating World Art Day, designed by **Sergio Baradat**.

On 13 April 2023, the United Kingdom released ten stamps celebrating the Legend of Robin Hood, including one stamp featuring King **Richard I**.

On 16 January 2023, Sierra Leone released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Launching of the Royal Yacht HMY Britannia, featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** in the selvage.

On 12 January 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 540th Anniversary of the Birth of **Raphael**, including stamps featuring **Apollo, Virgil, Sappho, Pope Julius II, Pope Leo X, Pope Sixtus IV, John the Apostle, King David, Augustine of Hippo, Aristotle, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Socrates**.

On 20 December 2022, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo** and one stamp featuring **Carolyn Bertozzi**.

On 20 December 2022, Guinea released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Discovery of King Tutankhamun’s Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 20 December 2022, Guinea released a miniature sheet celebrating Christmas Paintings, including one stamp featuring work by **Guercino**.

On 20 December 2022, Guinea released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating the World Health Organization, featuring the Rod of **Asclepius**.

On 14 October 2022, Niger released two miniature sheets and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the Death of **Ludwig van Beethoven**.

On 14 October 2022, Niger released two miniature sheets and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 570th Anniversary of the Birth of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 14 October 2022, Niger released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the

Death of Marilyn Monroe, featuring costumes designed by **Orry-Kelly**.

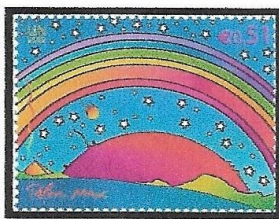
On 14 October 2022, Niger released a souvenir sheet celebrating European Trains, featuring Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King **Ludwig II**, in the selvage.

On 14 October 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Birth of Prince William, featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** in the selvage.



On 2 July 2022, Germany released a portocard of two stamps celebrating **ColognePride 2022**.

On 26 May 2022, Greece released two stamps commemorating EUROPA Stories and Myths, featuring **Orpheus**.



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