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Radio Entertains America, 05/28/1998

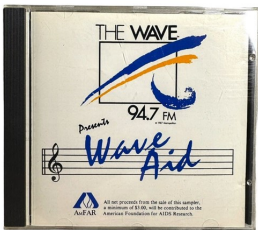
PHILATUNES By Barry Christensen

One of the amazing things about our brains is that it associates our sensory perceptions with our memories. When I smell fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies, I am transported back to my childhood and find myself in mom’s kitchen at our home place. When I smell pipe smoke, I immediately remember my school friend’s father sitting in his easy chair reading the evening newspaper and enjoying his pipe. When I hear my favorite music, I can’t help but think of my stamp collection!

Say what? Yup, my stamp collection has a soundtrack! One of my habits in life is to put on some music when I sit down with my stamp albums. Those tunes and I have history together! They send me into a stamp collecting mood. Philatunes!

I was blessed to grow up in the largest radio market in the USA, southern California. Two of my favorite radio stations to collect stamps by were Los Angeles originals that influenced the whole nation. They played music that my gay friends had introduced me to which wasn’t previously played much on the radio.

One of those was 94.7 KTWV The Wave. It hit the airwaves in 1987 playing New Age, jazz fusion and soft vocals. Before yearend, at least a dozen Wave clones had popped up all over the US radio scene. They introduced me to so many of my lifetime favorites, including famous folk like David Benoit and Mannheim Steamroller, and lesser-known folk like classically trained sacred composer Fernando Ortega and the many artists in the Windham Hill label family.



Each year, KTWV released a compilation disc of listeners’ favorites called WAVE Aid, which was a fundraiser for amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research. I’m glad they did that, because as is always the case when corporate entertainment buys up original new format radio stations, The Wave shifted in the early 90’s to what they coined “smooth jazz,” a tamer mix of contemporary jazz, soft R&B, and crossover hits. Today the smooth jazz pioneer is unrecognizable with its urban adult contemporary mix.

Another favorite of mine had an even shorter lifespan on the airwaves. In May of 1991, a Santa Monica station and Newport Beach station that shared 103.1 on the dial demonstrated the first successful radio simulcast known as MARS FM. Led by refugees from the legendary 1980’s KROQ after it mainstreamed its playlists, MARS FM was made in heaven for the gay community in so Cal!

It was the first station ever to feature techno, house, and rave (or “electronic and alternative” format) in regular rotation along with new rock and party jams. 24/7 dance music! They would play comments from listeners between cuts. My favorite listener request was, I’d like to hear something GAY!” Listeners called in to protest when they slipped the



Compact Discs, Celebrate the Century – 1980s, 01/12/2000

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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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Thank you for renewing your membership in Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps and for recognizing the importance of supporting your philatelic community. Your continued participation and financial support are essential as we continually strive to strengthen our organization.

Membership dues for 2024 continue at \$10.00 a year. You may make your dues payment online via PayPal at <http://www.glhsonline.org/pages/onlinememberform.html>.

You may also make dues payments via check or money order payable to GLHS to the Treasurer, Laurie Anderson, 646 169th St. S., Spanaway, WA 98387.

Membership Report

Our current membership consists of **83** members. 49 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 38 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

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

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.
- GLHS Journal Editor
- GLHS Journal Columnists
- Index GLHS journal articles since 2018
- Give presentations in person or virtually
- Coordinate GLHS Socials
- Maintain membership
- Advertising Committee
- Submit articles, journeys, cover/postal history write ups, travels and philatelic events

**GLHS December 12 Virtual Meeting –
Spellman Museum Pride-focused program 2024**

Unfortunately, our scheduled speaker of “Otters on Stamps”, Gene Throwe had a work conflict and will have to reschedule.

I received an email on December 8th, from Brian J. Howard, the Executive Director of the Spellman Museum requesting assistance in developing a Pride-focused program for 2024. I invited Brian to attend the December GLHS Virtual Meeting.

Lelia Elliston, an active collector who represents the LGBTQIA community on the Spellman Museum’s Board of Trustees joined Brian. The meeting was a lively brainstorming session.

They are in the early stages of planning and would consider including activities throughout the month of June.

They are looking for potential in-person presenters who reside in the greater Boston region, virtual presenters and philatelic items to display from GLHS members willing to loan items to the museum.

There will be an installment of exhibit frames, and the museum could curate an exhibit with philatelic items received on loan. If any of our members have an existing LGBTQ exhibit that could be shown they would be interested in that as well. Some of our members plan to create one-page exhibits to be shown (if interested in participating, email glhstamps2@gmail.com.)

During the meeting the following members offered to assist:

- Lisa Foster volunteered to give a virtual talk on GLHS history and the organization today.
- Ian Gibson Smith volunteered to give an in-person presentation on FDCs and LGBT Postal History
- John Stefanek and Carol Costa will assemble a couple of pages of an exhibit of postage stamps of historical American LGBT individuals who viewers may not know are LGBTQ
- Barry Christianson plans to submit material on loan (if wanted) of philatelic items with lots of color. For example Canada booklet on Gay Marriage, Scandinavia booklet covers, etc.
- Lisa Foster will send scans of pages of our

club exhibit which can be on loan if desired in whole or specific pages.

If you have items that you would be willing to loan, Brian asked that they be scanned and sent to him for their review. If you have an activity or presentation, summarize your proposal and send via email for their consideration.

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GLHS Virtual Presentation April 2024



Presentation
by
Dale Smith

**Cachet Maker
Hideaki Nakano**

04/09/2024
4:30 PM Pacific Time
7:30 PM Eastern Time

Zoom Meeting ID:
871 5790 9646

Passcode: 532014

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techno out of the playlists to please advertisers, and they put it back in. Sadly, the fabulous experiment ended in August of 1992 when they changed to a more commercially viable format. You guessed it, “smooth jazz!”



History of Radio
in Canada,
05/20/2020

So, how about you? What music do you play in the background to put you into a stamp collecting mood? There is nothing more personal than our playlists. They form the soundtracks for our lives. Take a moment and email your favorite “philatunes” to glhstamps2@gmail.com. Maybe we can include them in a future GLHS Journal article. Happy listening ... and collecting!

Letters Received....

Wed, November 8 Ricard Padró López

I am sending you information that I have found and compiled. I think it is of your interest. Cordially.

1. A stamp, I believe personalized from the Netherlands. I found an article that in 2021 marked 20 years of the legalization of same-sex marriage.

<https://www.thepinknews.com/2021/04/01/netherlands-same-sex-marriage-gay-first-country-world/>



2. A sheet of stamps relating to a jewelry design by a Dutch jeweler artist, also personalized from the Netherlands

<https://hedendaagsesieraden.nl/2021/08/07/pride-nieuwe-postzegels-met-rainbow-chain-van-paul-derrez/>



3. A stamp sheet called "Walk the Rainbow for Pride - 4Daagse Nijmegen", also personalized from the Netherlands. The information is found on an Amnesty website.

<https://www.amnestynijmegen.nl/index.php/fotoverslag/bijzondere-acties/walk-the-rainbow>

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and 4. A sheet of stamps with the rainbow flag of Belgium for the year 2021, issued by the Belgian Post Office, on the occasion of the international day against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. The link:

<https://www.demorgen.be/nieuws/bpost-lanceert-regenboogpostzegel-als-steun-voor-lgbtqischap-b3ec6ee4/>



Sat, October 21

Very much enjoyed this issue ... and especially the bit about "Dead Countries".

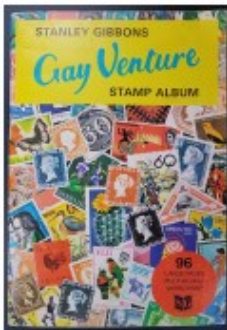
Putting one of those books on my "wish list" for Santa!



Cheers,
Mark.

Gay Ventures

A Philatelic Column - Larry Crain



The title of this column comes from an album by Stanley Gibbons (shown as a graphic on the right).

My copy is the fifth edition, 1959. I find it an excellent small (96 pages) album.

An introduction gives helpful, concise instruction on soaking, handling and mounting stamps

I bought it with ~100 stamps inside. The following is a survey of the stamps and a comment about the album's organization.



The stamp with the highest catalog value, I think, is from Great Britain. Pages have a quadrille design with a few stamps illustrated on the top. This avoids the frustration of not having the stamp shown but having another with a different size which doesn't fit in the square provided. On the inside cover the album states, "We think it best to give you a graph as a guide; . . . you can arrange your stamps much more attractively . . . Take pride in the arrangement of your stamps."

Some pages are set for a few countries; some for one. There are three for Great Britain and sub-divisions. France and colonies have eight pages, but Great Britain colonies are given full country status. The album's introduction expresses, "The countries of

which you are more likely to get the most stamps have the most space."

The top of each page lists the countries as well as sub-divisions of that country. An index of these sub-division, about 300 names long, is on the inside back cover. I find this an excellent inclusion.



With that help, this Kelantan stamp is on the appropriate page. However, even with a name/language identification table on the inside front cover, this Bulgaria stamp was on a different Cyrillic country's page.



The introduction says, "Nearly every country tells you about itself," as the French stamp marking the centenary of the inclusion of Nice shows. It also advises to collect only "postage stamps," but nowadays Cinderellas, as I think the Netherlands stamp must be, are also very collectible.



"Practically any topic you care to think of are represented on stamp designs." That is why we collect and, also, that is why we who collect are different from each other.



David: An Extraordinary Man Angels come in all forms.

As a member of the Central Florida Stamp Club for more than 20 years, I first encountered David A. at a meeting in the early summer of 2000. I recognized a kindred spirit immediately. David was still in the working world and devoted to his vocation of engineering. His attention to detail and desire to make something ‘perfect’ was extraordinary. As a stamp collector he was extremely focused on the desire/need to acquire material for his expanding collections. We often discussed his expected and completed purchases. He had an eye for what was better and ignored stuff that did not meet his standards.

David and I collaborated numerous times on far-reaching projects that benefited the club in many ways. His major accomplishment was an Excel spreadsheet to calculate all the many nuances of handling a called/silent auction for the club. It was an intricate project that took many hours spread across months, to test and perfect. His knowledge of Excel macros was the key to making it all work. He also served as the webmaster for the club and maintained the website with daily/weekly updates as required. All this work was done in the background. David never sought attention or acclaim – he just did the work and brushed off any acknowledgement of his contributions with a half-smile and wave of his hand. He was also responsible for publishing (on the website) a comprehensive history of the CFSC – something that had never been done in the 80+ years of existence. Again, David’s attention to detail and the organization of information was extraordinary. The documents he authored will long be the definitive history of the CFSC.

As the years passed, David and I became fast friends with the common bonds of our detailed

oriented vocations and our love for our avocation. David was always available for discussion or assistance, and I leaned on him for proof reading. For nearly 16 years, I served as the editor of the monthly newsletter for the CFSC. The newsletter started off as a single page and expanded over the years to as many as 10-12 pages for most issues. It was a labor of love for me – and I depended on David for proofing. David’s dedication to proofing was beyond the norm – even performing his duties while on vacation!

One particular encounter with David, will always be foremost in my mind. In an effort to be humorous I used the phrase “Ya’ll”. You would have thought I committed a high crime. David responded with an arm long email with all the reasons that was not appropriate use of the English language. Sensing that there was simply no way to win this particular language battle I acquiesced and changed the wording as suggested. Sometimes you have to pick your battles in life. We had many discussions about religion (he was Methodist and a devoted member of the First Methodist Church of Orlando) and politics.

Those are subjects that we avoid at stamp club meetings as everyone has an opinion that differs. David and I had many a long conversation in person and on the phone. Our discussions were rational and often left me to think deeply of what we discussed. It became evident in those conversations that David was a friend to the G/L community – I just did not know the depth until recently.

Then the Pulse Nightclub massacre happened. This was personal for me not only as a gay male and a resident of the Orlando area, but also because it happened on my birthday in 2016. At the time, I did not know of David’s involvement; it was only in recent months that I discovered his

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kindness. I knew nothing of this involvement even though I saw David 2-3 times a month and often talked to him on the phone. Never a word was said.

David passed away suddenly on May 29 at home. I was asked to deliver a eulogy, which I did. During the remaining eulogies and at the gathering after the service I learned a lot more detail about David's involvement.

David and his wife Cheryl have been members of the church choir for many years. One of the casualties of Pulse Massacre was the mother of a gay male. She was there at Pulse with her son that night. The following is quoted directly from an email from Cheryl to me:

"At some point our choir was told that we might have to cross a picket line (Westboro Baptist Church from Topeka KS) to get into the church to sing for this funeral. That was where David and I crossed the line from 'we're not sure what to think' over to everyone is or should be equal and we shouldn't have to cross a picket line to get into our own church to help someone. As it turned out there was no picket line, but by that point we were all in. Our choir also sang for an ecumenical memorial service held at our church."

I continue to be involved as David's wife has asked for assistance in dispersing his collection into the philatelic ecosystem. With the approval of David's wife, a portion of the proceeds are to be donated to the Russell Home for Atypical Children (Edgewood FL) and the Trevor Project. Both are worthy causes that David would have heartily approved of.

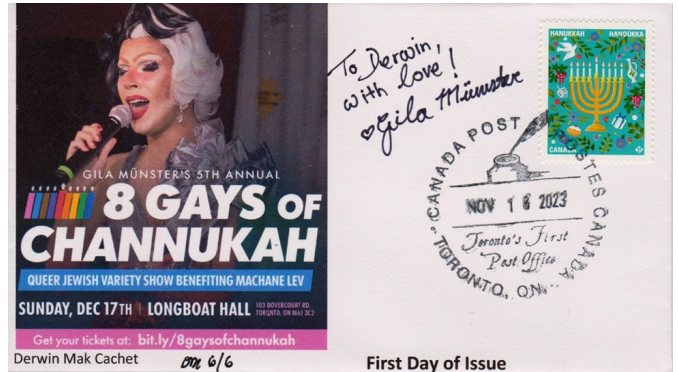
I conclude by asking the question: "What is the measure of a man?" I can think of kind, focused, understanding and most importantly -- devoted to making things better. David ticked off all the boxes in my opinion. Rest in peace my dear friend, you are sorely missed.

[Personal update. I am sorry that I have been missing in action in recent months. My real-world job has been very demanding – especially since retirement is looming on 01.04.24. When this column is published, I will be functioning with a more leisurely pace of life and being able to be a writer and collector again.]

Until next time, be good and practice kindness. Pay it forward.

Derwin Mak posted December 18, 2023 to AFDCS Facebook

Here's my first day cover of the 2023 Hanukkah stamp with a cachet depicting Gila Münster, which she autographed at her 8 Gays of Channukah show, a Jewish drag cabaret. It was a benefit show for Machane Lev, a camp for LGBTQ+ Jewish youth.



I first noticed Gila Munster when I saw protesters from Winnipeg outside a Toronto public library and found out they were protesting against her drag queen story hour inside. I subsequently saw photos of her cosplaying as Cruella de Vil and became an instant fan; I like that character from 101 Dalmatians. When she said she was looking for sponsors for her 8 Gays of Channukah show, I asked if I could be one of the sponsors; we Disney cosplayers should support each other.

Yes, those are Star Trek spaceships, the Enterprise C and Deep Space Station K-7 from "The Trouble With Tribbles", on my zucchetto (Google "zucchetto" if you don't know what it is).



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.

Here is a list of LGBTQ-related 2024 anniversaries that might appear in philately:

By John P. Stefanek

EuroPride 2024 will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece

25 years since the death of Per Aabel

25 years since the death of Iris Murdoch

25 years since the death of Emilio Sanchez

50 years since the death of Michael Benthall

75 years since the birth of Simon Callow

75 years since the birth of John Curry

100 years since the birth of James Baldwin

100 years since the birth of Marlon Brando

100 years since the birth of Truman Capote

100 years since the birth of Arthur Erickson

100 years since the birth of Sergei Parajanov

100 years since the birth of Clara Ward

100 years since the death of Eleonora Duse

100 years since the death of Franz Kafka

125 years since the birth of George Cukor

125 years since the birth of William Dobell

125 years since the birth of Charles Laughton

125 years since the birth of Micheál Mac Liammóir

125 years since the birth of Louise Nevelson

125 years since the birth of Ramon Novarro

125 years since the birth of Francis Poulenc

125 years since the death of Horatio Alger, Jr.

125 years since the death of Rosa Bonheur

150 years since the birth of Howard Carter

150 years since the birth of J. C. Leyendecker

150 years since the birth of Kathleen Lynn

150 years since the birth of Gertrude Stein

150 years since the death of Jules Michelet

175 years since the birth of Joseph Gallieni

175 years since the death of Frédéric Chopin

175 years since the death of Juliette Récamier

200 years since the death of Lord Byron

200 years since the death of King Louis XVIII of France

250 years since the birth of King Pōmare II of Tahiti

275 years since the birth of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

275 years since the birth of Honoré Gabriel Riqueti, comte de Mirabeau

300 years since the death of Edward Low


350 years since the death of John Milton

475 years since the death of Il Sodoma

500 years since the death of Salai

525 years since the birth of Giulio Romano

825 years since the death of King Richard I of England



On 12/14/2023 the British Empire Study Group (BESG) hosted Charles J. G. Verge who gave a presentation on “The English Language Machine Cancels of Dublin, Ireland to 1922.” Recording of the program will be available soon on the BESG YouTube Channel - British Empire Study Group - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDpQEoHn6Ly-unap-rXFA> or their website: https://bestudygroup.org/category/besg_video/

Additional LGBTQ Member of Congress

By John P. Stefanek

For those collecting LGBTQ-related U.S. Congressional free franks, an additional LGBTQ member has joined the 118th Congress. Laphonza Butler was chosen to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the death of Senator Dianne Feinstein. She is the first openly LGBTQ person to represent California in the U.S. Senate.

“California Gov. Newsom names replacement for Feinstein in Senate,” by Michael R. Blood, Associated Press, 2 October 2023, [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org)

Gay Stamps

by Pier Gustafson

The first series of stamp parodies were begun while sitting in the dullest class in college. Rather than listening to anything the instructor said as he droned on and on...(and on and on), I doodled and wrote letters. Adorning the envelopes with tiny images depicting some of the actions described within. Not only was the idea of illustrating something in such a small scale interesting to me, but also the integration of text within the design. Calligraphy and letterforms were, and are, an important part of my aesthetic.

It wasn't until much later that I revisited the stamp format in my creative endeavors. A series of gay stamps were commissioned for an annual Boston Gay Pride Event. These stamps were to be included on the envelopes of the press releases, important invitations, etc.

Inspiration came from many stamps of the past. One of my favorites was respelling the cozily-composed word LOVE on the Robert Indiana stamp, to the rather "graphic" word LUST. Others show a vibrator in place of the Graf Zeppelin, a set of genitalia in lieu of the trilon and perisphere. The NASA stamps of 20 years ago with their distinctive logo lettering, inspired a series of dark S&M stamps.



Humor does play an important part in all the art that I do. Though, I'd like to think that many of the stamps also make people think of the value in, and fun of, diversity.

Pier Gustafson is an artist-illustrator-calligrapher working in Boston Massachusetts, when not in the AOL Chat-rooms looking for inspiration under the name BUNBRYIST.



Lorca Cancels

Contributed by Bianco

The Spanish speaking world has used several postmarks and cancels to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Federico Garcia Lorca. Lorca was a Spanish poet and dramatist. It is assumed that he was killed during the Spanish Civil War due to his well known sympathies for the Republicans.



(Left) Argentina's Lorca cancel used at the World Exposition of Philatelic Literature held in Granada, Spain.

(Right) Brasil's version .



(Left) Lorca birth centenary cancel used in Sao Paulo, Brasil.
(Right) Argentinian Espamer '98 cancel .

Gay & Lesbian Update

The Queens Lesbian-Gay Pride Committee once again had a postmark for their pride celebration. The postmark, as pictured on page 4, was available on Sunday, June 7, 1998. This was their fifth consecutive postmark.

Florida Pride South, after six consecutive years, appears not to have had a postmark this year. My request for copies was returned by the post office with a note that that post office was not included in this year's pride event. Does anyone know whether another post office was used? Any information would be greatly appreciated.

New Issues

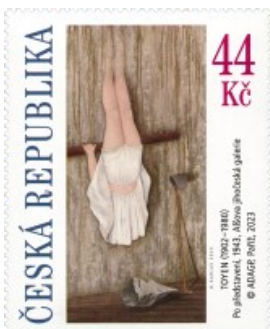
By John P. Stefanek

On 29 November 2023, Russia released four stamps commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Stroganov Russian State Academy of Arts and Industry, including one stamp featuring a **Nikolai Gogol Monument**.



In November 2023, Egypt released a miniature sheet commemorating the Reopening of the Greco-Roman Museum, Alexandria, including one stamp featuring Emperor **Augustus** of Rome.

On 13 November 2023, France released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of **Rosa Bonheur**.



On 8 November 2023, the Czech Republic released a stamp celebrating the Art of **Toyen (1902-1980)**. They were a Czech painter, drafter, and illustrator and a member of the surrealist movement. They studied decorative arts at UMPRUM (Academy of Arts, Architecture and De-

sign) in Prague and joined the avant-garde Devětsil group before moving to Paris. There, they founded an artistic alternative to Abstraction and Surrealism, dubbed Artificialism (“The identification of the painter with the poet.”). Their work was often erotic and comic, addressing gender and sexuality in humorous and fantasy-erotic illustrations. Toyen expressed interest in lesbian sexuality along with other forms of sexual expression, and contemporaries asserted Toyen was attracted to women.

On 8 November 2023, French Polynesia released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Death of **Pierre Loti**.

On 2 November 2023, Germany released a stamp celebrating the Brandenburg Gate, built on the orders of **Frederick the Great**.

On 1 November 2023, New Zealand released six stamps and six souvenir sheets commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Premiere of *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, including one stamp and one souvenir sheet featuring Gandalf, portrayed by **Ian McKellen**.

On 1 November 2023, Uruguay released a miniature sheet commemorating the 180th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with Chile, including one stamp featuring **Gabriela Mistral**.

On 27 October 2023, Serbia released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, featuring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.

On 24 October 2023, San Marino released a stamp celebrating Christmas, featuring work by **Sandro Botticelli**.

On 16 October 2023, Monaco released two stamps commemorating Films Shot in Monaco, including one stamp featuring **Marlene Dietrich** on a poster for *The Monte Carlo Story*.

On 10 October 2023, the United Nations (New York, Geneva, and Vienna) released three stamps commemorating World Mental Health Day, featuring art by **Sergio Baradat**.

On 3 October 2023, Australia released four stamps, a miniature sheet, and a booklet commemorating Disney 100 Years of Wonder, including two stamps featuring Ariel from Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*, based on a short story by **Hans Christian Andersen**.

On 3 October 2023, Australia released three miniature sheets commemorating Disney 100 Years of Wonder, including two stamps featuring *Zootopia*, directed and written by **Byron Howard**, two stamps featuring *Frozen*, based on a short story by **Hans Christian Andersen**, with one featuring Kristoff, voiced by **Jonathan Groff**, two stamps featuring *Lilo & Stitch*, directed and written by **Dean DeBlois**, one stamp featuring *The Lion King*, partly based on a play by **William Shakespeare**, and featuring Timon, voiced by **Nathan Lane**, and one stamp featuring *Encanto*, directed and written by **Byron Howard**.

On 1 October 2023, Poland released four miniature sheets celebrating The Rosary, including two labels featuring **John the Apostle**.



On 20 September 2023, Spain released a stamp commemorating **Lucía Sánchez Saornil (1895-1970)**. She was born in Madrid, taught herself from an early age, wrote poetry for journals of the

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Futurist movement, and started work as a switchboard operator. She joined the Confederación Nacional del Trabajo and became involved in the Spanish anarchist movement. Discouraged by the sexist attitudes of men, she co-founded the Mujeres Libres, a nationwide organization of anarchist feminists. During the Civil War, she served as secretary for Solidaridad Internacional Antifascista before briefly fleeing into exile. Lucía returned to Francoist Spain to write poetry of lesbian desire while living quietly for more than 30 years with her partner, América Barroso.

On 15 September 2023, Italy released a miniature sheet commemorating Roots of Made in Italy, including one stamp featuring work by **Sandro Botticelli** and one stamp featuring work by **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 14 September 2023, Ireland released two booklets of Art on a Stamp definitives, including one stamp featuring work by **Francis Bacon** and one stamp featuring work by **Patrick Scott**.

On 31 August 2023, Malta released a miniature sheet celebrating Maltese Festa Series VII, including one stamp featuring **Augustine of Hippo**.

On 30 August 2023, Hungary released six stamps commemorating Treasures of the Hungarian National Museum, including one stamp featuring the piano owned by **Ludwig van Beethoven** and Franz Liszt.

On 15 August 2023, Australia released a Stamp Pack celebrating Heroes of Dreamworks, including four stamps from *How to Train Your Dragon* films, directed and written by **Dean DeBlois**.

On 1 August 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 230th Anniversary of the Opening of the Louvre Museum, including one stamp featuring work by **Leonardo da Vinci** and one stamp featuring work by **Raphael**.

On 1 August 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet celebrating German Trains, with the selva featuring Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King **Ludwig II** of Bavaria.

On 1 August 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the First Anniversary of the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including two stamps and the souvenir sheet selva featuring her in dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

In July 2023, Morocco released two definitives featuring King **Mohammed VI** of Morocco.

On 5 July 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 380th Anniversary of the Birth of **Isaac Newton**.

On 5 July 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 5 July 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 540th Anniversary of the Birth of **Raphael**, including the souvenir sheet selva featuring **Saint Sebastian**.

On 5 July 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Birth of **Eugène Delacroix**.



On 5 July 2023, Isle of Man released six stamps commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Isle of Man Post Office, including one stamp featuring **Herbert Kitchener**.

On 28 June 2023, Togo released a souvenir sheet commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III, including the selva featuring Elizabeth II in a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** wearing the coronation gown designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 20 June 2023, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Death of John F. Kennedy, featuring Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 20 June 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 20 June 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 495th Anniversary of the Death of **Albrecht Dürer**, including one stamp featuring Pope **Julius II** and the souvenir sheet selva featuring **Saint Sebastian**.

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On 20 June 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III, including one stamp featuring Elizabeth II wearing the coronation gown designed by **Norman Hartnell** in a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** and the souvenir sheet featuring Elizabeth II wearing the coronation gown designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 25 May 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 170th Anniversary of the Birth of Vincent van Gogh, including one stamp featuring *Wheat Field with Cypresses* (**Cyprissus**).

On 25 May 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets celebrating the 495th Anniversary of the Death of **Albrecht Dürer**, including one souvenir sheet selva featuring **John the Apostle** and one souvenir sheet featuring Pope **Julius II**.

On 25 May 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 380th Anniversary of the Birth of **Isaac Newton**.

On 25 May 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the First Anniversary of the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including two stamps featuring her in dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell** and one stamp featuring Diana, Princess of Wales in a suit designed by **Hardy Amies**.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Birth of King Charles III, featuring Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** in the selva.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a souvenir sheet commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III, featuring Elizabeth II in the coronation gown designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 380th Anniversary of the Birth of **Isaac Newton**.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 210th Anniversary of the Battle of Bautzen, including one stamp featuring Emperor **Alexander I** of Russia.



On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet celebrating African American Freemasons, including one stamp featuring **Richard Pryor (1940-2005)**. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, grew up in a brothel, and was sexually abused at age seven. In 1963, he moved to New York and started performing regularly in clubs, beginning as a middlebrow comic. He began to appear regularly on television variety shows, and his popularity led him to success in Las Vegas. In the 1970s, he wrote for television shows, earning an Emmy Award for a 1973 Lily Tomlin special. He won a 1975 Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album. In 1980, he became the first black actor to earn one million dollars for a single film when he starred in *Stir Crazy*. In 1998, he won the first Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Richard had a sexual relationship with Marlon Brando and was open with his friends about his bisexuality.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a souvenir sheet celebrating Chess Paintings, featuring **Augustine of Hippo** in the selva.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet celebrating Nude Paintings, including one stamp featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)** and **Eros (Cupid)** and one stamp featuring **Zeus (Jupiter)** transformed into a swan.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Birth of Montserrat Caballé, including four stamps and the souvenir sheet selva featuring **Freddie Mercury**.

On 25 May 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 210th Anniversary of the Birth of **Richard Wagner**.

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On 22 May 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the Death of Francisco Goya, featuring **John the Apostle** in the selvage.

On 22 May 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of **Tamara de Lempicka**.



On 20 April 2023, Chad released a miniature sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Winston Churchill Receiving the Nobel Prize in Literature, including two stamps featuring designs based on a photograph by **Cecil Beaton**.

On 20 April 2023, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the First Anniversary of the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet selvage featuring her in dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 495th Anniversary of the Death of **Albrecht Dürer**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 540th Anniversary of the Birth of **Raphael**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Operation Husky, including one stamp featuring **Bernard Montgomery**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the World Health Organization, featuring the Rod of **Asclepius**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the First Anniversary of the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in a photo by **Cecil Beaton** wearing the

coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** and the souvenir sheet selvage design based on a photograph by **Antony Armstrong-Jones**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released two souvenir sheets celebrating Diana, Princess of Wales, including one souvenir sheet featuring Elizabeth II in a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** and the selvage featuring her in another photograph by **Cecil Beaton** wearing the coronation gown designed by **Norman Hartnell** and the other souvenir sheet selvage featuring a photograph by **Antony Armstrong-Jones**.

On 20 April 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Death of Audrey Hepburn, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet featuring her in costumes designed by **Hubert de Givenchy** in the film, *Sabrina*, and one stamp featuring her in a dress designed by **Hubert de Givenchy** in the film, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, based on a novella by **Truman Capote**.

On 20 April 2023, Liberia released a miniature sheet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Pablo Picasso, including one stamp featuring *Three Musicians*, depicting **Max Jacob**.

On 20 April 2023, Liberia released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 495th Anniversary of the Death of **Albrecht Dürer**.

On 20 April 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the First Anniversary of the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**, one stamp and the souvenir sheet selvage featuring her other dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell**, and one stamp featuring Diana, Princess of Wales in a suit designed by **Hardy Amies**.

On 20 April 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 20 March 2023, Sierra Leone released two stamps celebrating Icons of the 20th Century: the 60th Anniversary of the Birth of **Whitney Houston (1963-2012)**. She was born in Newark,

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New Jersey, to a gospel singing mother who won two Grammy Awards. She made her solo performance debut at church and

made her non-church debut at New York's Town Hall to a standing ovation. Whitney met Robyn Crawford while both were counselors at a youth summer camp. According to Robyn's memoir, their early relationship was sexual, and Robyn remained a close friend and employee until 2000. Her first two albums peaked at number one on the *Billboard* 200, and she would go on to sell over 220 million records worldwide. She is the only artist to have seven consecutive number-one singles. She won eight Grammy Awards, 16 *Billboard* Music Awards, two Emmy Awards, and 30 Guinness World Records.

On 20 March 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Birth of **Eu-gène Delacroix**.

On 20 March 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 540th Anniversary of the Birth of **Raph-ael**, including one stamp featuring **John the Apostle**.



On 10 February 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Death of Audrey Hepburn, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet featuring her in the film, *Breakfast at Tif-fany's*, based on a novella by

Truman Capote, two stamps and the souvenir sheet featuring her in costumes designed by **Hu-berth de Givenchy**, one stamp featuring her in a costume designed by **Edith Head**, and one stamp featuring her in the film, *Robin and Mari-an*, with cinematography by **David Watkin (1925-2008)**. He was born in Margate, Kent, and started work at the Southern Railway Film Unit in 1948 as a camera assistant. He climbed the ranks up to director of photography at British Transport Films before working freelance on commercials around 1960. He shot the title sequence for 1964's *Goldfinger* before filming

1965's *The Knack ...and How to Get It*, which won the Palme d'Or at Cannes. He was among the first directors of photography to experiment heavily with the usage of bounce light as a soft light source. He helped create one of the most memorable images of 1980s cinema: the opening sequence of young male athletes pounding sand along a beach to the film's theme music by Vangelis from 1981's *Chariots of Fire*. In 1985, he won the Academy Award for Best Cinematog-raphy for *Out of Africa*. David was openly gay.

On 10 February 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating Nude Paintings, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)**.

On 10 February 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 380th Anniversary of the Birth of **Isaac Newton**.

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

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

On 14 October 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Death of Grace Kelly, with the selva-ge featuring her in a costume designed by **Edith Head**.

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