The Anniversaries of Great Musicians

On September 8th the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a new series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “The Anniversaries of Great Musicians”.

The year 2016 marks anniversaries of great musicians of the world, who made invaluable contributions to the development of the musical culture of mankind: the 125th birth anniversary of the Russian composer S. S. Prokofiev, the 175th birth anniversary of the Czech composer A. Dvořák, the 100th birth anniversary of violinist and conductor Y. Menuhin and the 225th death anniversary of the Austrian composer W. A. Mozart.

The KEP series consists of four stamps that depict the outstanding musicians of the world, whose anniversaries are celebrated this year.

Besides the mentioned stamps, KEP also issues 4 postal cards, dedicated to the great musicians. These cards, together with the new stamp and a special pictorial first day cancellation, will be used to make four maximum cards.

Stamps description.

No. 45. 50 KGS. Sergei Prokofiev (1891 - 1953). The 125th birth anniversary.
No. 46. 50 KGS. Yehudi Menuhin (1916 - 1999). The 100th birth anniversary.
No. 47. 100 KGS. Antonín Dvořák (1841 - 1904). The 175th birth anniversary.
No. 48. 100 KGS. Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756 - 1791). The 225th death anniversary.
Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-colour offset lithography.
Stamps perforation: comb 14:14½.
Stamps size: 46.00 x 27.50 mm.
Sheets size: 120.00 x 108.00 mm.
Collective sheet size: 120.00 x 80.50 mm.
Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 4 stamps and in a collective sheet of 4 stamps (1 complete set).
Quantity issued: 8 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheet — 4 000 pieces.
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A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729002) on the stamps issuing day.
The first day covers and special postmark are designed by Vladimir Melnic.
Printing method: full-colour offset.
Quantity issued: 400 copies of each cover.
Endorsing ink color: black.

For this issue four maximum cards were made. Printing method: full-color offset. Quantity issued: 300 copies each.