The Anniversaries of Great Personalities

On November 18, 2019, the State Committee of Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps and a souvenir sheet: “The Anniversaries of Great Personalities”.

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, 175th birth anniversary. Nikolai Andreyevich Rimsky-Korsakov was a Russian composer, conductor, teacher, music critic, member of the musical creative community "The Five" (a.k.a. “The Mighty Handful”). He is the composer of 15 operas, 3 symphonies and many chamber, instrumental, vocal and spiritual works.

Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 350th death anniversary. Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn was a Dutch painter, draftsman and engraver. He is one of the most prominent representatives of the golden age of Dutch painting. His paintings "Danaë", "The Night Watch", "The Return of the Prodigal Son" as well as numerous portraits and self-portraits, have become an important part of the world's cultural heritage. Rembrandt was a great master of chiaroscuro, using it as a means of increasing spirituality and emotional saturation in his works.

Leonardo da Vinci, 500th death anniversary. Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci was an Italian artist, architect, sculptor, scientist, inventor, engineer, writer and musician of the High Renaissance. Leonardo's contribution to world artistic culture is extremely important. He realized and embodied a new painting technique, which has led to a leap in development of realism in painting. Leonardo's works such as "The Mona Lisa" ("La Gioconda"), "The Last Supper", "Lady with an Ermine", "Madonna Litta", "Madonna Benois" and many others, continue to delight art connoisseurs on all continents.

Stamps and Souvenir sheet description

No. 144. 75 KGS. Portrait of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.
No. 145. 100 KGS. Portrait of Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn.
Souvenir sheet no. 16
No. 146. 250 KGS. Sculptural image of Leonardo da Vinci on a background of the Château d'Amboise, France.
Technical specifications

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-color offset lithography.
Stamps perforation: comb 14:14½.
Stamps size: 46.00 x 27.50 mm.
Size of the souvenir sheet stamp: 27.50 x 46.00 mm.
Stamps are issued in minisheets of 4 stamps.
Minisheets size: 113.00 x 108.00 mm.
Souvenir sheet size: 108.00 x 98.00 mm.
Quantity issued: 5000 pieces each stamp.
Quantity of Souvenir sheets issued: 4000 pieces.
Stamps artist: Dmitri Murahovschi.
Artist of the Souvenir sheet and issue designer: Daria Maier.
Printer House: “Nova Imprim” (Chișinău, Moldova).

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamps and souvenir sheet issuing day.
First day covers and special postmark are designed by Daria Maier.
Size of stamps covers: С6 (162 x 114 mm).
Souvenir sheet cover size: 190 x 130 mm.
Printing method: digital.
Quantity issued: 300 pieces.
Endorsing ink color: black.