

IRISH STAMPS *Collectors News*



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Dear Collector,

Welcome to this festive edition of Collectors News. Inside, you'll find all your favourite regular features, as well as news and views from around the world.

Our Christmas stamp issue this year truly is something to celebrate. Consisting of two stamps designed by award-winning artist PJ Lynch and a special promotional stamp featuring The Nativity, by the illustrious Flemish artist Simon Bening, these stamps are a delicate balance of dramatic imagery and dazzling style. Each stamp has been lovingly crafted and specially produced for this, the most special time of the year.



Another issue that is sure to generate interest is the Inland Waterways. These remarkable stamps depict the tranquil views of the serene Irish countryside that surround Ireland's four major inland waterways: the Barrow, the Shannon, the Erne, and the Grand Canal.

Guaranteed to strike the right note, and designed to celebrate the rich musical heritage of our country, is the Irish Music issue. Each stamp features well-known artists who have made significant contributions to Irish music: The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Maken, The Chieftans, Altan, and The Dubliners.

Another favourite at this time of year is the Irish Stamps 2006 Year Book and Year Pack, which this year is complemented by some fascinating collections from Canada, Belgium, and the United Nations.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of Collectors News.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Aidan Murphy'.

Aidan Murphy
Marketing Manager, Irish Stamps

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NEWS & INFORMATION

THE CORK PHILATELIC SHOW

The Cork Philatelic Society will hold its annual Stamp & Coin Fair in the Imperial Hotel, South Mall Cork on Sunday 3 December from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Dealers from all over Ireland are booked to attend and in addition to having their extensive stocks for sale will also provide free valuations on stamps and coins. Irish Stamps will also have a stand with all the issues from the last twelve months available for purchase. A limited edition booklet featuring the Ryder Cup stamps and a limited edition overprinted Ryder Cup miniature sheet will also be available for sale. There will be a special postmark in use at the exhibition and illustrated covers will also be on sale. Admission for adults is €2.50 and there is no charge for accompanied children. The Cork Philatelic Society look forward to meeting all our old friends and hopefully meet some new collectors as well!
For all enquiries please contact Padraig O' Shea at (087) 2574309 or email ravenstamps@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS



Irish Stamps will be represented at upcoming Philatelic Exhibitions, Belgica 2006 in Brussels from 16 - 20 November and also at MonacoPhil 2006 which takes place from 1 - 3 December in Fontvieille, Monaco. Special cancellations will be available for both of these exhibitions and customers can order them from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1 or by calling 00 353 (1) 7057400.



RONNIE DELANY - PURE GOLD



Pictured on the day of issue at the GPO is legendary athlete Ronnie Delany. A stamp to commemorate Ronnie winning the 1500m Gold Medal at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956 was issued on 16 August 2006. Earlier in the day a large and enthusiastic crowd turned up at the Philatelic Shop, GPO to have their First Day Covers signed by this sporting icon.

FIRST DAY COVER - REVISED COST 2007



Collectors please note that unfortunately due to rising production costs the price of a First Day Cover will increase to €1 plus the value of the stamps, from 1 January 2007.

NEWS & INFORMATION

BIOSPHERE ISSUE WINS CANADIAN AWARD



Congratulations to Finbarr O'Connor, the artist responsible for the design of our 2005 "Biosphere" stamps which issued as a joint issue with Canada Post. The readers of "The Canadian Connection", a philatelic publication, chose the Ireland Biospheres stamps as their favourite stamp issue for 2005. Collectors are reminded that the minisheet from this series, which was also designed by Finbarr O'Connor is available at €1.13 (Product Code 0509MS).

RYDER CUP SPECIAL CANCELLATION



Three special cancellations were produced for the Ryder Cup Lenticular issue of 19 September 2006 and are now available. These cancellations are for each of the 3 days of the Ryder Cup Matches 22/23/24 September and can be ordered from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1 or by calling + 353 (1) 7057400.

PAQUEBOT CANCELLATION

There is a paquebot cancellation for the Rosslare/Fishguard Ferry Service issue available now from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1, phone + 353 (1) 7057400.

STAMPS FOR 2009

2006 may not even have yet drawn to a close, but we're already planning stamps issues for 2009. Indeed, the Philatelic Advisory Committee are currently seeking suggestions for the 2009 Programme of Special and Commemorative Stamps. If you have an idea that you'd like us to consider, simply send your suggestion in writing to;

The Secretary, The Philatelic Advisory Committee, Stamp Suggestions 2009, An Post, GPO, Ground Floor, Dublin 1, Ireland. The closing date for receipt of suggestions is Friday 26 January 2007.

FOYNES CANCELLATION



A special cancellation for the Foynes Postcard is now available from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1, phone 00 353 (1) 7057400. The Foynes postcard, product code 06FPC costs just €1.50 and is postage paid to anywhere in the world.

ROBERT BALLAGH EXHIBITION



Pictured here at the Robert Ballagh Stamp Art Exhibition which was held recently in the GPO is Mr Robert Ballagh and Mr Donal Connell, Chief Executive of An Post. A postcard booklet featuring six different Ballagh stamp art designs is now available at just €9 from the Philatelic Shop in the GPO, the Philatelic Bureau on + 353 (1) 7057400 or at www.irishstamps.ie

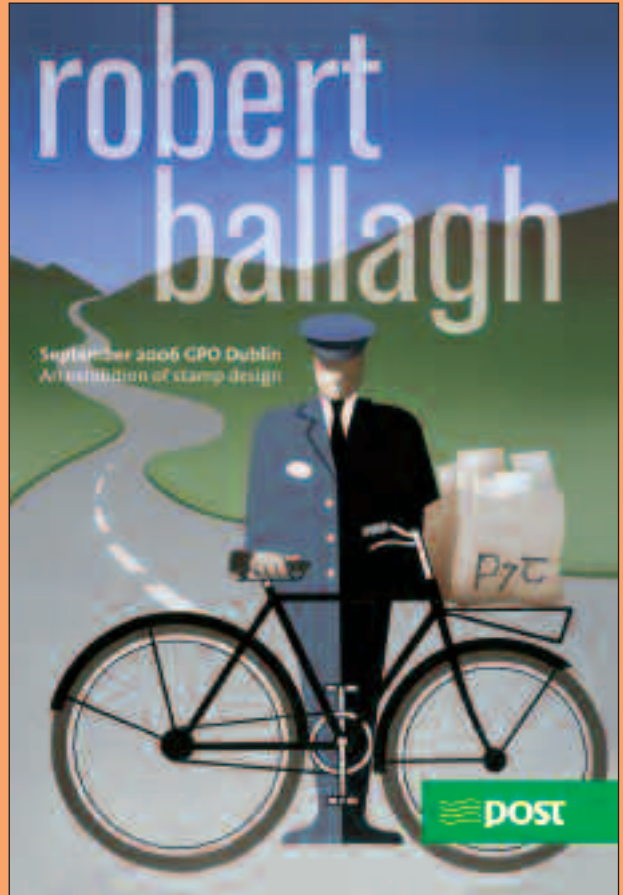
Robert Ballagh

Postcard Booklet

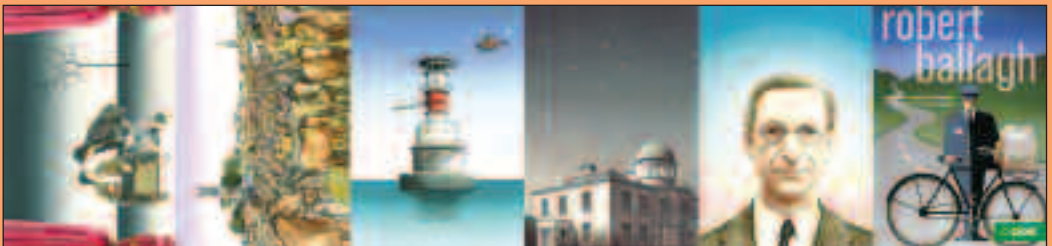


To coincide with the Robert Ballagh exhibition which was held in the GPO, Dublin recently, a postcard booklet featuring six different Ballagh stamp designs was produced. Robert Ballagh is one of Ireland's most renowned artists and this unique product will appeal to philatelists and art lovers alike. The postcard booklet with six postcards postage paid to anywhere in the world can be yours for just €9.

The Robert Ballagh Postcard Booklet is now available from the Philatelic Shop in the GPO or can be ordered from the Philatelic Bureau on +353 (1) 7057400 or at www.irishstamps.ie



Product Code: 06PC Price: €9.00



INLAND WATERWAYS OF IRELAND



Ireland's inland waterways comprises of an extensive and interconnected network of rivers, lakes, and canals. Originally conceived as a part of Ireland's first modern transport network, they now furnish delightful views into the rarely-seen and under-appreciated Irish countryside. Glimpsed here, in this beautiful set of four celebratory stamps, are a lock-keepers cottage on the Grand Canal at Cornalour, County Offaly, the Barrow Navigation at Graignamanagh, County Kilkenny, the river Shannon at Meelick Pier, County Galway, and the Belturbet Marina on the River Erne in County Cavan.

Featuring stunning photography by Walter Pfeiffer, the stamps are certain to prove very popular with collectors so order yours now! Also available for this issue is a First Day Cover and a superb 24 page Prestige Booklet which contains 16 stamps. The Prestige Booklet also contains wonderful photography by Walter Pfeiffer and was designed by Paul Raftery.

The Grand Canal

The Grand Canal was once the main transport line across Ireland. Starting at Ringsend in Dublin City, and finishing at Shannon Harbour, County Offaly, the Canal carried passengers and goods such as turf, coal and grain in and out of the capital, and around the country. The last commercial boat to use it, in 1960, was laden with kegs of Guinness! There are a total of thirty-six locks and stone bridges, and, cutting a green swathe through an increasingly urban country, it forms a low key, nature-lover's idyll, with plenty of unspoilt bogs, fens, wildflowers and hedgerows to be seen.



INLAND WATERWAYS OF IRELAND

The Barrow

This waterway links the cities of Waterford and Dublin, and flows through several significant towns along the way. Rising in the Midlands, it runs through Portarlington in County Laois, Athy in County Kildare, Carlow in County Carlow and Graignamanagh in County Kilkenny. Work on the Barrow Navigation started in 1761 at St. Mullins, County Wexford, where the river became tidal. This work involved the construction of a complex series of canals and weirs to control the natural fall of the water, in order to provide sufficient depth for boats. When it was finished, it was 120km long and contained 32 locks.

The Shannon

From its source at the Shannon Pot on the slopes of Cuilcagh Mountain, in County Cavan, to Loop Head where it meets the Atlantic Ocean, the Shannon is 344 km in length and covers an area of 2,035 sq km. The Boyle and Carnadoe Waters and the Inner Lakes of Lough Ree are part of the Shannon Navigation, and provide a series of small inter-connected lakes, which dot the landscape as tranquil paradises. Birds, wild flowers and wildlife all bloom and thrive in these small, green spaces, and as such they provide an invaluable respite from an increasingly busy world.

The Erne

The Erne network comprises Upper and Lower Lough Erne and the River Erne. From Belturbet in the south to Belleek in the north, and running through Enniskillen, there are 64 square km of islands and views to enjoy. This marvellous labyrinth of clear blue inland water is an angler's paradise, and there are numerous places to relax and soak up the peace and tranquillity of these magical surroundings. Places of interest include the Marble Arch caves, the impressive Florencecourt, Coole Castle and the famous Belleek Pottery.



TECHNICAL DETAILS

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| Date of Issue | 20 October, 2006 |
| Values & Quantities | 4 x 75c (561,600) |
| Design | Q Design |
| Photography | Walter Pfeiffer |
| Stamp Size | 44.45mm x 27.94mm |
| Colour | Multicolour with phosphor tagging |
| Make-up | Sheetlets of 12 |
| Perforations | 13.75 x 13.75 |
| Printing Process | Lithography |
| Printer | Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd. |

IRISH MUSIC

An Post announce stamps of note to mark Irish Music

Today Irish music is known and enjoyed the world over, which is why An Post is delighted to announce the launch of this unique issue. The stamps feature four groups that have been instrumental in bringing Irish music to a worldwide audience in the last four decades; The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem (1960s), The Dubliners (1970s), The Chieftains (1980s) and Altan (1990s).

This remarkable issue is sure to be a Number 1 hit, so make sure you order yours today! Also available for this issue is a Minisheet, two First Day Covers and a 22 page Prestige Booklet containing 16 stamps. The Prestige Booklet was designed by Detail Design Studio.



Product Code: 0624FDCMS Price: €3.21



Product Code: 0624FDC Price: €3.21

The photographs on which the Irish Music stamps are based are copyrighted as follows;

The Chieftains - RTE Stills Library
The Clancy Brothers & Tommy Makem - Fionnbar Callanan
Altan - Colm Henry

The photograph on which the Dubliners stamp is based was supplied by Ceoladh Sheahan.

IRISH MUSIC

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem emerged as a potent force on the American folk scene in 1955. The natural exuberance and boisterous informality of their performances, delivering traditional Irish ballads, confirmed their position as the top Irish music group of the time. Having already earned their musical credentials and achieved American celebrity, their first Irish tour in 1963 was rapturously received. By re-imagining and transforming old Irish songs into polished and hugely popular entertainment, the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem blazed a trail for the scores of Irish music groups who would inherit their legacy.

The Dubliners

The Dubliners arrival on the folk scene heralded an irreverent and robust new dimension to the genre. Formed in 1962 from backroom sessions in O'Donoghue's bar, Dublin, and with a line up as individual as their musical attitude, this multi-talented group featured the raw impassioned vocal power of Ronnie Drew and Luke Kelly, the virtuoso banjo-playing of Barney McKenna and the multi-instrumental talent of John Sheehan. Major albums include 'Finnegan's Wake', 'Seven Drunken Nights' and 'Drinkin' and Courtin'.



Product Code: 0624MS Price: €2.46

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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| Date of Issue | 7 November, 2006 |
| Values & Quantities | 2 x 48c – The Dubliners (200,400) The Chieftains (200,400) 2 x 75c – Altan (176,400) Clancy Brothers & Tommy Makem (176,400) Minisheet €2.46 (35,000) |
| Design | Detail Design Studio |
| Stamp Size | 44.45mm x 27.94mm |
| Minisheet Size | 150mm x 90mm |
| Colour | Multicolour |
| Make-up | Sheetlets of 12 |
| Perforations | 13.75 x 13.75 |
| Printing Process | Lithography |
| Printer | Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd. |



IRISH MUSIC



Product Code: 0624482SD
Price: €5.76



Product Code: 0624481SD
Price: €5.76



Product Code: 0624752SD
Price: €9.00



Product Code: 0624751SD
Price: €9.00

The Chieftains

The Chieftains had their genesis in the early 1960s at the Ceoltóirí Chualann sessions organised by composer Seán Ó Riada. Signed by the Claddagh record label, the band has built an international reputation as the most remarkable example of Irish traditional music in the world. Multiple Grammy Award winners, the Chieftains have collaborated with several contemporary musicians including Frank Zappa, Jackson Browne, Emmylou Harris and Van Morrison. Paddy Moloney, the leader, musical director and driving force, has also been involved in solo projects including the famine album 'The Long Journey Home'.

Altan

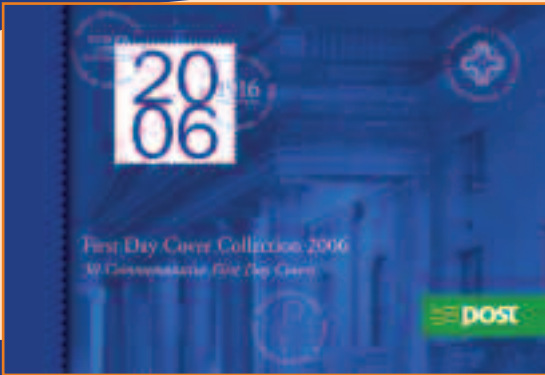
The founding members of Altan were the Belfast flute-player Frankie Kennedy and Gweedore singer and fiddler Máiread Ní Mhaonaigh. Their award-winning music, ranging from melancholic old Irish songs to excitable, hectic reels and jigs, was a combination of old Donegal fiddle music and Northern flute tunes. Signed in 1996 to Virgin Records, they gained gold and platinum albums in Ireland and toured throughout the world, including Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the US.



Product Code: 0624PBK Price: €10.00

Irish Stamps

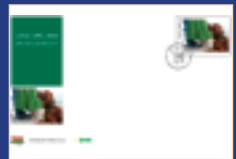
Commemorative First Day Cover Collection



This year's collection of our First Day Covers has proved to be our best yet. The set includes every Irish Stamps commemorative FDC issue for 2006, including the revolutionary lenticular Ryder Cup FDC, as well as the innovative Braille stamp issued to celebrate Ireland's Guide Dogs. Also included are our popular Ronnie Delany, Michael Davitt and Michael Cusack FDC's.

Product Code: 06FDCYP Price: €60.00

The First Day Cover collection contains 30 commemorative FDC's, and includes 5 FDC's with Minisheets. Priced at €60 and housed in an attractive cardboard presentation box, this collection is a great way to round up the full wealth of covers from the past year.



CHRISTMAS 2006

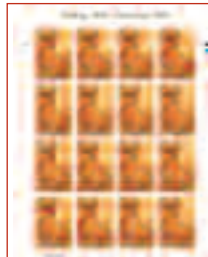
Putting our stamp on Christmas 2006

At An Post we are proud of our Christmas tradition. Every year since 1971 we have sought to produce imaginative and colourful issues to celebrate this spiritual and festive season, featuring designs ranging from fine art paintings, stained glass and sculpture to images commissioned specifically from a wide range of designers and artists. We are delighted to say that 2006 continues this time-honoured custom. This year, An Post is issuing two gummed stamps, and one self-adhesive promotional stamp, each vibrant and unique in its own special way.

The gummed stamps were designed by Belfast-born PJ Lynch, and feature arresting, atmospheric images of a Madonna and child, and a shepherd. The stunning First Day Cover also designed by PJ Lynch features an illustration of an Angel. The level of detail, mood and emotion achieved in these scenes is simply breathtaking, and the stamps appear to attain a vivid life of their own. In fact, Lynch's style lends itself so well to stamps that he has previously illustrated four sets of Christmas stamps for An Post, and won many awards, including the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal twice.



Christmas self-adhesive stamp



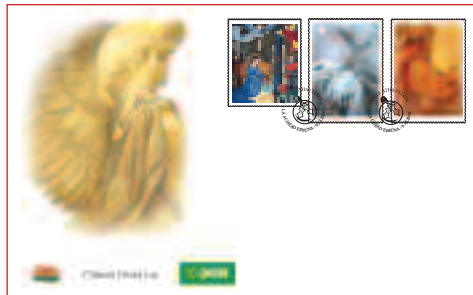
Product Code: 062575SH

Price: €12.00



Product Code: 062548SH

Price: €7.68



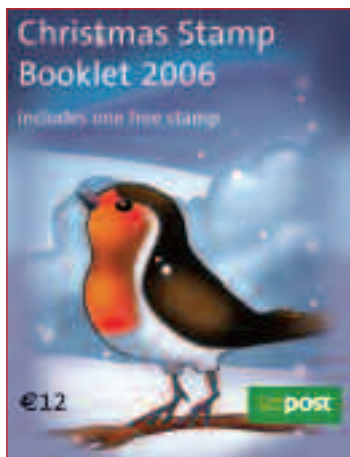
Product Code: 0625FDC Price: €2.46

CHRISTMAS 2006

The Christmas self-adhesive stamp features an image of The Nativity circa 1540 from the Chester Beatty Rosarium in the Chester Beatty Library. Painted by one of the greatest illuminators in Europe, the Flemish artist Simon Bening (1483-1561), its dazzling confection of blues and reds bring the dramatic scene astonishingly to life. The imaginative use of colour highlights the contrast between the serene figures in the foreground and the humble background of the stable, and helps to draw the eye to the infant Jesus. As well as being a renowned artist, Bening served as the Dean of the Guild of Saint John and Saint Luke in Bruges and produced works for important clients such as Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg, Emperor Charles V and Don Fernando, the Infante of Portugal. He also created genealogical tables and portable altarpieces, and in later life concentrated on nocturnal scenes and landscapes.

Bringing PJ Lynch and Simon Bening together in one special Christmas issue ensures that it will be very popular, and one not to be missed. The graphics on all stamps were by Q Design and are sure to become collectors' favourites worldwide. Order yours now to avoid disappointment!

The Christmas Stamp Booklet



This year's Christmas Stamp Booklet is on sale from 9 November 2006 at Post Offices throughout the country. The booklet contains 25 stamps plus one free! These self-adhesive Christmas stamps can be used to post Christmas cards weighing up to 50 grams within Ireland. You can use these stamps to post to Britain, Europe and the rest of the world by affixing the additional postage due.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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| Date of Issue | 9 November, 2006 |
| Values & Quantities | 48c (2.144m) 75c(1.9m) 48c Promotional (30.29m) |
| Design | PJ Lynch (Illustration) Q Design |
| (Layout/Typography) | Javelin/Y&R (Booklet) |
| Stamp Size | 29.79mm x 40.64mm 25mm x 30mm (Promotional) |
| Colour | Multicolour with phosphor tagging |
| Make-up | Sheetlets of 16 Booklets of 26 (Self- adhesive) |
| Perforations | 14 x 15 |
| Printing Process | Lithography |
| Printer | Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd. Australia Post – Sprintpak (Self- adhesive booklets) |



Last dates for posting from Ireland to:

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| Britain | 18 Dec |
| Northern Ireland | 18 Dec |
| Republic of Ireland | 19 Dec |
| Express Post ROI | 21 Dec |

INTERNATIONAL YEAR BOOKS



There's never been a better time to add an international flavour to your collection. Irish Stamps are pleased to offer you a choice of three year books from around the world, offering a great insight into how other countries and administrations have treated 2006 from a philatelic point of view.

2006 UN New York Annual Collection

The UN New York Annual Collection contains single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2006. The album is printed in full colour, and provides background information on each issue in English, French and German. Profiles of the artists are also included. The mint stamps and souvenir sheets are not affixed inside the albums, although spaces and mounts are provided for this purpose.

The UN New York Annual Collection costs just €9 and is available to order from 9 December 2006 from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1 or online at www.irishstamps.ie

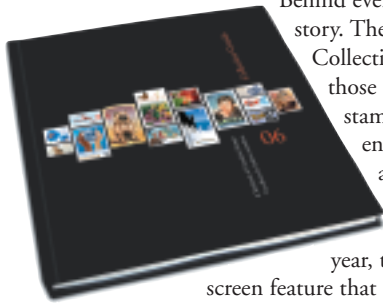


Product Code: 06UNYP Price: €9.00



INTERNATIONAL YEAR BOOKS

Lights, Camera, Collection Canada



Product Code: 06CPYB
Price: €40

Behind every postage stamp is a story. The 2006 edition of Collection Canada tells those stories, bringing the stamps to life through entertaining tales about the events, people and places they depict. This year, there's also a silver screen feature that celebrates the lives and times of the four Canadian actors from the Canadians in Hollywood stamp set. Collection

Canada includes every stamp design issued by Canada Post in 2006, making it a treasured gift for collectors and non-collectors alike. Buy your yearbook today and discover why so many Canadians are star struck by Collection Canada. Available December 9, 2006.

La Poste Belgian Year Book & Pack

The Belgian Year Book 2006 contains all the stamps issued in 2006 and is a wonderful, informative and comprehensive reference work that will give hours of pleasure.

Some of the stamp issues contained in the 2006 Belgian Year Book are;

- Belgian International Sport Champions
- 250th Anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Art in Belgium
- Belgian Red Cross

The Belgian Year Pack would make a great seasonal gift, containing all the uncanceled definitive and special postage stamps, booklets and sheetlets issued in Belgium in 2006.



Collectors please note that the Belgian Year Book and Year Pack are the French Language versions.

Product Code: 06BELYP Price: €75



The Canada Post Quarterly Pack includes every stamp issue in a three month period. Issued four times a year it provides an opportunity to sample a smaller selection of the stamps issued by Canada Post.



Product Code: 06BELYB
Price: €55

THE IRISH ABROAD BY "MARIUS"

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Ireland's commemorative stamp issues have honoured many famous Irish people. What is often overlooked is that Irish men and women have also achieved international philatelic recognition. James David Bourchier (b. Bruff, Co. Limerick – 1850) is the first Irish person to feature on a foreign stamp. A former teacher, he took a job as a journalist with *The Times* in the Balkans. He supported freedom from Turkish rule and was honoured by a nine stamp set (1) issued by Bulgaria in 1921. This set remains the single longest set with an Irish connection.

A number of Irish writers have appeared on foreign stamps. George Bernard Shaw (b. Dublin – 1856) is very popular and has appeared on several stamps including Czechoslovakia (2), Monaco, Romania and the Soviet Union. Jonathan Swift was also the subject of a single stamp issued by Romania and his well known work "Gulliver's Travels" is featured on a stamp from Monaco (3). Seamus Heaney appears on a stamp from Zambia as well as the joint Irish/Swedish sets of 2004 which also featured Beckett, Shaw and Yeats.

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Not surprisingly, a number of Irishmen have been honoured by the country of their adoption, particularly in South America. William Brown (b. Foxford, Co. Mayo – 1777) was the founder of the Argentine Navy and has appeared on numerous stamps since the 1930's (4). Francis Burdett O'Connor (b. Cork – 1791) rose to prominence in Bolivia (5) and Ambrose O'Higgins (b. Summerhill, Co. Meath – c. 1720) became Governor of Chile and Viceroy of Peru (6).

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The "Father of the American Navy", Commodore John Barry (b. Tacumshane, Co. Wexford – 1745) was the first naval commander appointed by the Continental Congress (7). George French (b. Roscommon – 1841) was the founder and first Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police, the "Mounties", later known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (8).

THE IRISH ABROAD BY "MARIUS"

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In the field of exploration, Sir Ernest Shackleton (b. Kilkea, Co. Kildare – 1874) who was one of the leading Antarctic explorers of his time has appeared more often on stamps than any other Irish person. Various South Atlantic and Antarctic stamp issuing territories as well as Britain and Hungary have issued stamps featuring Shackleton (9). Tom Crean (b. Annascaul, Co. Kerry) who accompanied him on the famous expedition to cross the Antarctic from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea has also featured (10).

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Ireland is well known for its Missionary priests and nuns, and Margaret Noble (b. Dungannon – 1867) – known as Sister Nivedita – was the first Irishwoman to appear on a foreign stamp (11). Other missionaries include Mary-Ann Cosgrave (b. Trim 1863), Bishop Donal Lamont (b. Ballycastle – 1911), and Charles Inglis (b. 1734). Turning to the Arts, a sculpture by M. Warren (b. Dublin – 1850) entitled "Un Illoc Paga" (A Pagan Place) is featured on a stamp from French Andorra (12). An abstract painting by Sean Scully (b. Dublin – 1945) features on a French stamp of 1974.

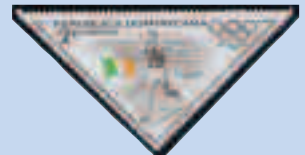
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Finally in the world of sport, a number of Irish football players have appeared on various World Cup and European Championship issues including Danny Blanchflower (13) and David O'Leary (14). In the world of athletics, one of our most famous Olympians, Ronny Delany (b. Arklow – 1935) was honoured by both North Korea and the Dominican Republic (15).

These are but a small selection of the various Irish people who have appeared on foreign stamps, and the theme can be expanded to include second generation Irish, like Princess Grace, or other Irish-connected issues, like the Titanic disaster – or indeed the many stamps featuring the Irish flag, and/or a map of the country.

IRISH YEAR BOOK AND PACK

2006 Year Book

A perennial favourite with collectors the world over, the 2006 Year Book – Complete Prestige Collection is available from Irish Stamps on 4 December. It features our entire collection of special and commemorative stamps from 2006 (including minisheets), and it also contains our two most innovative issues ever: Ireland's first Braille stamp, and Ireland's first lenticular stamps. What's more, the Year Book is available in two attractive formats:

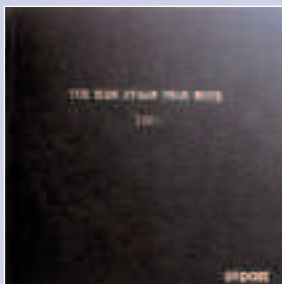
- Standard Hardback Edition €60
- Luxury Leather-bound Hardback €160

This 56-page, full-colour book was designed by Ger Garland, and the text – in both Irish and English – was written by Liz Dwyer. The Year Book was produced and printed in Germany, by specialist philatelic printer Prinz Verlag, and features fascinating photography related and relevant to the different stamp subjects.

The Year Book would make a wonderful gift for anyone with an interest in philately or in Irish culture at large, highlighting as it does the many diverse aspects – natural, sporting and musical – of Ireland's cultural heritage. It is advisable to order early so as to avoid disappointment, as both editions always prove extremely popular, and demand regularly exceeds supply.



Product Code: 06YB Price: €60.00



Luxury Edition Year Book

A special Luxury Edition Year Book is also available. This edition is leather-bound and is limited to 150 copies.

Product Code: 06YBS Price: €160.00

Commemorative Stamp Collection 2006 Year Pack

Our Commemorative Stamp Collection is available in a Year Pack format, containing all of our issues from 2006. Each stamp has been expertly mounted, and, alongside, information on each has been provided. This has been a particularly noteworthy year for Irish Stamps, featuring Ireland's first Braille stamp and first lenticular stamps, as well as our issue marking the success of Ireland's hosting of the Ryder Cup.

This is a truly fascinating collection, combining a high degree of visual sophistication with both informative and topical subject matter. It is also the ideal way to capture all our 2006 issues in one, high-quality pack.

From the revolutionary movement of our Ryder Cup lenticular stamps, to the stylish paintings that adorn our Michael Davitt and Michael Cusack issues, to the historical significance of our Battle of the Somme anniversary stamp, this collection is as eclectic as it is beautiful, as mindful of design as it is of history.

Priced at €32.00, it is the perfect seasonal gift, and will be available to order from 4 December by visiting www.irishstamps.ie, or by using the order form attached.



Product Code: 06YP Price: €32.00

Gift Ideas

from Irish Stamps

Railway Prints

This Limited Edition Set of five prints features original illustrations by renowned artist Vincent Killowry. Commissioned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Dublin-Belfast Railway Line, each print has been individually signed and numbered by the artist.

The edition of 750 sets features prints of the four stamp images as well as the actual Railway Stamp issued. The prints carry a First Day of Issue cancellation and a bonus print features an illustration of a specially designed Minisheet.

(Each print measures
295mm x 210mm)

Limited Edition Railway Prints
0508PRSET €100



An Post Van Sets



This wonderfully crafted set features five die-cast metal classic An Post vehicles: the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Carriage, Anglia Van, Transit Bus and VW Transporter. Each vehicle has its own legitimate Fleet Number and each Set is contained in a superb presentation box. Individually certified and numbered and limited to 2,500 sets, the Van Set makes a wonderful gift.

Set of Five An Post Vans
03VANSET €60.00

ORDER FORM

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| 7 November | Irish Music Stamp Set | 0624SET | EA | | €2.46 | |
| 7 November | Irish Music 48c Chieftans Sheetlet | 0624481 | SD | | €5.76 | |
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Inside the set is a clear pocket, to insert a baby's photograph and you can personalise the set by inserting details of Baby's name, date of birth, weight, hair colour and eye colour.

There is also a small treasure box for you to place in Baby's first lock of hair, identity bracelet and other similar tokens.

At present the set contains the eight circulating coins for 2006, but next year the set will include 2007 dated coins.

The set is available in both Pink and Blue.

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