

RÁKÓCZI PALACE IN BORŠA



Magyar Posta is issuing a special stamp to mark the renovation of the Rákóczi Palace in Borša (once part of historic Hungary, then known as Borsai). Fifty thousand copies of the stamp designed by the graphic artist Eszter Domé were produced by ANY Security Printing Company. The new issue is available from Filaposta, philately specialist services, certain post offices and www.posta.hu.

Today Borša is in the Trebisov District of eastern Slovakia, just a few kilometres from the Hungarian border. According to archival records, the name of the village was first mentioned in a document dating from 1067. The village was part of the estate of Patak Castle in several periods and was owned by the Perényi, Pálóczi, Henyey and Zeleméry families before it came into the possession of the Rákóczi family through the marriage of Zsuzsanna Lórántffy and Prince György I Rákóczi in 1616.

The palace is renowned for being the birthplace of Prince Ferenc II Rákóczi of Transylvania, who was born on 27 March 1676 as a Hungarian aristocrat and later became the leader of a struggle for liberation from Habsburg rule. The Renaissance palace was built in the period between 1563 and 1638, and its original stone frames are still in place today. The two-storey building underwent a major reconstruction in the 1940s but by the end of the century was in a worryingly dilapidated state. Saving and restoring the palace began in 1998 through the cooperation of Slovakian and Hungarian historic building preservation agencies. By 2005, the palace's northern wing and the northern section of the western wing had been gradually refurbished but then the incomplete works ceased. These restarted on 26 September 2018. The inauguration ceremony of the renovated palace took place on 19 June 2021.

The special stamp shows the renovated Rákóczi Palace in Borša together with a bust of Prince Ferenc II Rákóczi by the sculptor Ede Mayer (1857-1908). A detail of the building appears on the first day cover and the main motif of the postmark is a stylised drawing of the palace.

Order code:

2021110010011 (stamp)
2021110060012 (FDC)

Issued on: 19 June 2021

Face value: HUF 570

(On the date of issue, equivalent to postage for a domestic priority letter up to 500 g / a non-priority letter up to 50 g with non-dutiable content, postcard or picture postcard to countries within the European Union customs border and European countries outside the European Union customs border.)

Printing technique:

4-colour offset

Number of copies: 50,000 stamps
(50 stamps/5 barcodes/sheet)

Perforated size: 40 x 30 mm

Paper type: gummed postage stamp paper

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Designed by Eszter Domé

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