

FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS – SÜSÜ THE DRAGON



Magyar Posta is issuing a special souvenir sheet with three stamps on the topic of Fairy Tale Characters featuring Süsü the Dragon from the animated television series. Sixty thousand copies of the souvenir sheet designed by the graphic artist István Weisenburger were produced by ANY Security Printing Company. The new issue is available from Filaposta, philately specialist services, designated post offices and www.posta.hu.

The nine-episode animated television series based on the screenplay written by István Csukás was first broadcast over 40 years ago, but its leading character, the outcast dragon Süsü, is still instantly recognised by children in Hungary today. Mocked and feared by people, Süsü's inner beauty was luckily recognised by the Good Prince, who arranged for the dragon to be welcomed into the royal court. There everyone came to love Süsü, who became indispensable to life at the royal court. Besides the author István Csukás, other eminent artists, such as the puppet designer Sándor Lévai, the puppeteer Henrik Kemény, the actor Gyula Bodrogi and the dramaturgist Vera Takács, contributed to the creative process.

The souvenir sheet shows the main characters, naturally with the good-hearted dragon in the middle. To Süsü's right is his greatest friend, the Prince, together with the Princess, the Young Prince and the Old King. On the left of the dragon are Nursey, the Chancellor and the Dragonhead Vendor, who would use any trick to strike a good deal. A scene from the bustling life at court appears on the first day cover and the postmark features the fish spouting water from the fountain in the middle of the square.

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Face value/selling price: 3 x HUF 200 (*On the date of issue, HUF 200 can be used as a supplementary denomination.*)

Printing technique: 4-colour offset

Number of copies: 60,000 souvenir sheets

External imperforated size of souvenir sheet: 170 x 96 mm

Perforated size of stamps within the souvenir sheet: (2 x) 40 x 30 mm, (1 x) 30 x 40 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by ANY Biztonsági Nyomda Nyrt.

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