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THE MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY IS 150 YEARS OLD



Magyar Posta is marking the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Museum of Ethnography by issuing a commemorative miniature sheet. The miniature sheet was designed by the graphic artist Eszter Domé and produced by Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. The new issue will be available at first day post offices and Filaposta in Hungary from 4 March 2022, but may also be ordered from Magyar Posta's online store.

Budapest's Museum of Ethnography is one of the most important specialised museums in Europe. In addition to more than 200,000 ethnographic objects, its collection includes unique photographs, manuscripts, and folk music and film recordings. Besides the priceless artefacts of Hungarian folk culture, the museum houses the country's largest international collection and is an important centre for research into contemporary culture. The museum is considered to have been founded on 5 March 1872 as this was the date when János Xántus (1825-1894) was appointed keeper of the Ethnographic Department of the Hungarian National Museum.

The year 2022 is an important milestone in the life of the Museum of Ethnography, not only because of the 150th anniversary, but also because the institution will move into a modern new building specifically designed for the Museum of Ethnography which will perfectly meet both the professional requirements and the needs of visitors in the 21st century. As part of the Liget Budapest Project, the dynamic and modern building, designed by Marcel Ferencz, managing director of NAPUR Architect Kft., built on the former parking area on both sides of the monument on 1956 Square in Budapest, will provide 33,000 square metres to house the unrivalled collection.

The miniature sheet features stamps depicting four of the Museum of Ethnography's precious artefacts from the year of its foundation: the Painted Chest, the Guild Jar, the Earthenware Canteen and the Tulip Chest. The frame of the miniature sheet is adorned with details of the four artefacts. The special first day cover for the miniature sheet features a plan of the new building of the Museum of Ethnography. The design on the special postmark repeats the motif on the frame of the miniature sheet.

Order code:

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Issued on: 4 March 2022

Total face value: HUF 800 (On the date of issue, HUF 200 pays the postage of a domestic priority letter up to 50 g, or postcard or picture postcard.)

Printing technique: 4-colour offset

Number of copies: 20,000

miniature sheets

Perforated size of stamps:

40 x 30 mm

External imperforated size of miniature sheet:

120 x 80 mm

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

Printed by

Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. (miniature sheet); Codex Zrt. (cover)

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