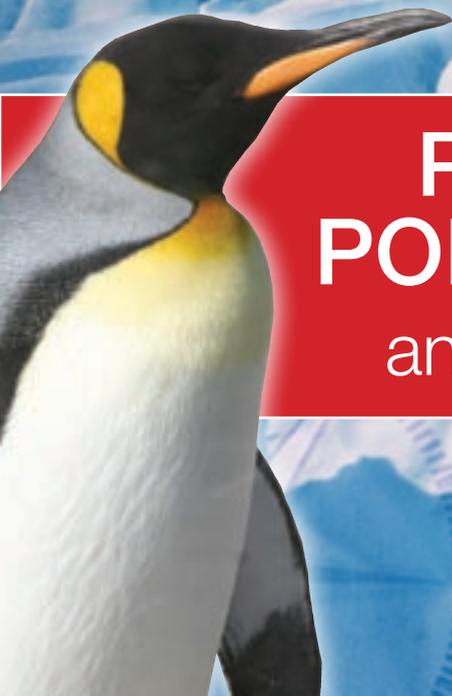


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Dear Collectors,

Philately is first and foremost about beautiful stamps. There are nevertheless other aspects to philately. Collectors for instance are particularly interested in attractive, flawless cancellations or in overall quality.

We are always committed to serving philatelists as well as possible, which is why we have developed a procedure that ensures optimal cancellations. You can read all about it in this issue of Philanews.

The stamp issues at the start of this year reflect current preoccupations: solidarity and equal opportunities, the environment and two of its components, climate and water.

As we celebrate the bicentenary of Louis Braille's birth, De Post-La Poste will issue a Braille stamp for blind people. We also honour two women that have helped shape the feminist movement, Marthe Boël and Lily Boeykens.

Climate change and more specifically the preservation of the Arctic and the Antarctic is the subject of a thematic issue in forty or so countries. Belgium will issue a sheet devoted to fauna at the poles and two Belgian explorers, Alain Hubert and Dixie Dansercoer.

The issue of water is becoming more and more important. This source of life is the theme of the Red Cross issue, one of the aims of which it is to help people that lack it acces clean, potable water. Water is also an ecological form of transport, which is why 23% of all freight is transported by water in Belgium.

Enjoy your reading.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' and 'A', followed by a horizontal line.

Philippe Allardin
Director

02 | SPECIAL ISSUES

Issue date

23 02 2009

03. Louis Braille (1809-1852)



Code: 0903*

Louis Braille was born in Coupvray, near Paris on 4 January 1809. He lost his sight as young as three years of age, after an accident with one of his father's tools.

His parents ensured that he received thorough intellectual and practical education. At 15 he developed a writing system that allows blind people to read and write letters, punctuation, numerals and musical notes. Braille opens a window on the world for blind people.

Braille is based on a combination of 6 raised dots, in two columns of three dots. The dots are always the same size and close enough together to be felt with a single touch of the most sensitive part of the finger. After almost two centuries Braille continues to flourish. In 2009 it will allow

blind people to use a computer to go online.

'Ligue Braille' is a Belgian NPO that provides free help and support (social, daily life, training and education, culture, leisure) to more than 12,000 blind and visually-impaired people throughout Belgium.

Text: Ligue Braille

TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Theme: 200th anniversary of the birth of Louis Braille
Name and franking value in Braille on the postage stamp
Design: Guillaume Broux
Lay out: Jean Libert
Engraving: Martin Mörck
Denomination: ① or € 0.59
Stamp size: 48.75 mm x 38.15 mm
Sheet size: 266 mm x 100 mm
Composition of the sheet: 10 stamps
Paper: polyvalent phosphorescent
Perforation: 11½
Number of plates: 6
Printing method: combined rotogravure and steel engraving
Engraving (cylinders): De Schutter *Neroc sa
Printing: Stamps Production Belgium

Info: www.braille.be



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04. River and canal barges



Code: 0904*

Inland waterway shipping, the subject of the issue, can be defined as the art of moving a vehicle on a navigable channel, river or canal.

This art must be carried out with due observance for certain rules, which are based on age-old shipping practices with highly specific characteristics. A distinction is made between commercial shipping and pleasure boating.

Inland waterway shipping is the means of transport of the future. Our waterways still have reserve capacity today. By absorbing part of the growth in road traffic, it could help improve mobility.

Inland waterway shipping is much cheaper than other forms of goods transport. A 1500-tonne interior waterway vessel can convey 90 TEU (twenty feet equivalent unit) containers in a single trip. That would require 70 trucks on the road. Shipping is also the most energy-economic form of transport. According to official estimates, it consumes much less energy than rail or road. That makes it the most environmentally friendly form of transport as well as the cheapest.

TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Theme: cargo shipping on canals and rivers

Design: Daniel Fauville

Lay out: MVTM

Denomination: ② or € 1.18

Stamp size: 40.20 mm x 27.66 mm

Sheet size: 100 mm x 160 mm

Composition of the sheet: 5 stamps

Paper: GPW fluorescent

Number of plates: 2

Perforation: 11½

Printing method: rotogravure

Engraving (cylinders): De Schutter 'Neroc sa

Printing: Stamps Production Belgium



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05. Red Cross: Water!



Code: 0905*

80% of our planet is covered by ocean, but there is still a palpable need for potable water.

No country in the world is immune. Natural disasters like droughts, floods and tsunamis lead to whole villages or even towns uprooting in the quest for potable water. According to a World Health Organization report on the occasion of World Water Day in March 2008, 'every year

15 million people die of infectious diseases' caused by lack of water. International organisations like the Red Cross exploit all types of water source to supply people with clean, potable water. In many countries with large refugee populations fleeing war or famine, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is active in various hydraulic projects and invests all of its efforts to resolve potable water supply issues together with local populations. By drilling or pumping, a great many water wells have been built to supply potable water for all. These laudable efforts are always appreciated by local populations.

Buy the postage stamp promoting potable water and help to give millions of people a new lease of life!

Text: Aimé Omari Mungu A'konkwa

TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Theme: safe, potable water and sanitary systems for all

Design: Jean Libert

Denomination: ① or € 0.59 + € 0.25 (additional tax)

Stamp size: 40.20 mm x 27.66 mm

Sheet size: 140 mm x 166 mm

Composition of the sheet: 10 stamps

Paper: fluorescent litho

Number of plates: 2

Perforation: 11½

Printing method: offset

Engraving (cylinders): De Schutter 'Neroc sa

Printing: Stamps Production Belgium

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09 03 2009

06. Belgian women in action



Code: 0906A*

Marthe de Kerchove de Denterghem (1877-1956)

was of noble birth. She enjoyed an excellent upbringing – which did not go without saying for a girl in her era – and in 1898 married industrialist Pol Boël (1868-1941). In her new home La Louvière she devoted herself to works of charity. The First World War stopped all that. When the Germans dismantled the clandestine postal network she had set up, she served two years in prison.

After the war, as an ex-political prisoner Boël was one of the few Belgian women with a vote for parliament. She worked for universal female suffrage through her engagement in the liberal party between the wars. Marthe Boël chaired Belgium's National Women's Council (NVB / CNF) from 1934 to 1952, in which capacity she recruited talented young women. Her presidency of the International Council of Women (1936-1947) was dominated by the Second World War. In addition to these commitments Boël was the driving force behind the Belgian branch of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) and the Girl Guides.



Code: 0906B*

Lily Boeykens (1930-2005)

was a trained lawyer. She married Constant (Stan) Huygelen, who grew famous through the development of vaccines. After a few years in Zaire, she worked in freelance journalism and public relations. In 1964 she became a member of Belgium's National Women's Council (NVB / CNF). Chair Maya (Marie-Anne) Janssen – the daughter of Marthe Boël – wished to recruit more Dutch-

speaking members and felt that Lily Boeykens was up to the task. She would chair the autonomous NVB (later the Dutch-speaking Women's Council) she shaped. She also played an important role in the organisation of the first National Women's Day (11/11/1972), in the early years of the Women's Consultation Committee and the organisation of the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women, which led to the establishment of the first women's shelter in Belgium. Lily Boeykens was also active in the International Council of Women, first on the Mass Media Committee, then as member of the board. Between 1988 and 1994 she was its chair, striving to improve the Council's professionalism and dynamism. The Belgian government also called on her expertise: Lily Boeykens had a seat on such national advisory bodies as the Women's Employment Committee

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and the Consultative Committee on the Status of Women, and was Belgium's representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women between 1995 and 1999.

Text: Els Flour (Amazone)

TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Theme: two personalities from Belgium's feminist movement: Marthe Boël and Lily Boeykens

Design: Nora Theys

Denomination: ① or € 0.59

Stamp size: 40.20 mm x 27.66 mm

Sheet size: 140 mm x 166 mm

Composition of the sheet: 2 x 5 stamps

Paper: fluorescent litho

Number of plates: 2

Perforation: 11½

Printing method: offset

Engraving (cylinders): De Schutter 'Neroc sa

Printing: Stamps Production Belgium

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09 03 2009

07. Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers

Nature is both prepossessing and powerful. People have the freedom to use or abuse it. More than ever, climate change forces us to contemplate the exploitation of our vulnerable planet. The rise in temperature is making itself felt in the daily life of humanity, flora and fauna. The picture becomes clearer the more extreme the location. The North and South Poles are therefore key areas for evaluating climate change.

Belgium has a tradition in polar exploration. Adrien de Gerlache was the first to visit the South Pole in the name of our country. When the Belgica expedition left Antwerp on 16 August 1897, no one could have imagined that de Gerlache and his crew would write history. New areas were discovered and humans spent the winter at the South Pole for the first time. All later research teams learned from the experiments they conducted.

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The pole explorers Alain Hubert and Dixie Dansercoer also conquered the South Pole. In 1997-1998 they skied 3924 km with a sledge in tow from the former King Baudouin base to the geographic South Pole. By using specially designed traction sails they were able to cover the distance in a record time of 99 days.

In 2002 the duo set out to cross the frozen Arctic Ocean of the North Pole. After 68 days they were forced to abandon their attempt because the ice was too thin to bear their weight in places. The expedition proved that the polar ice was a very good gauge of climate change on Earth.

It has now been proven beyond all reasonable doubt that climate change is here to stay. The battle against it is consequently the most important ecological challenge today.

Text: Carine Boeykens

TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Theme: a universal issue to protect the North and South Poles

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Design: MVTM

Denomination of the stamps:  or € 1.05

Price of the sheet: € 2.10

Stamp size: 40.20 mm x 27.66 mm

Sheet size: 120 mm x 80 mm

Composition of the sheet: 2 x 1 stamp

Paper: phosphorescent litho

Perforation: 11½

Printing method: offset

Engraving (cylinders): De Schutter 'Neroc sa

Printing: Stamps Production Belgium

Unique South Pole Souvenir postmarked at the Princess Elisabeth base!

15 February 2009 is the big day when the Princess Elisabeth base is officially opened at the South Pole! This Belgian project is the only polar base that runs completely on renewable energy sources. It will be a place where the impact of climate change and Antarctica's impact on the global climate is studied, under the leadership of Alain Hubert.



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More information on the Princess Elisabeth Station: www.antarcticstation.org

* The South Pole Souvenir is not included in any subscription. The real date of availability depends on when the members of the expedition will return (second half of February).

Issue date

09 03 2009

08. Postage stamp festival: the mail moment



Code: 0908*

What's the first thing you do when you get home? Look at your mail! You're not the only one: 74 pc of Belgians do exactly that, studies show. ¹

On average, people devote seven minutes a day to their mail. That is called the mail moment. 97 pc of all households empty their letterbox daily, a little under half of them do so as soon as their mail is delivered. So people really look forward to their letter carrier dropping by.

Three art schools representing Wallonia, Brussels and Flanders were invited to take part in a design competition. They were set the task of producing a strong image that also worked in the miniature postage stamp format to communicate the emotion of the mail moment.

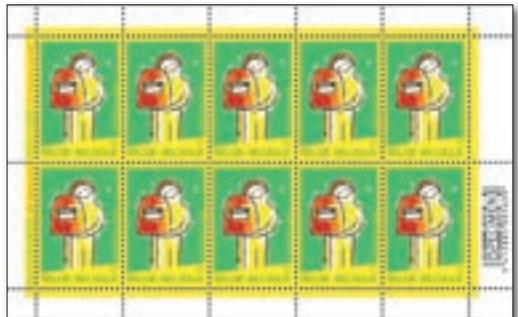
The winning entry was drawn by Emitis Mohsenin of Ecole Supérieure des Arts de l'Image "Le 75" in Sint-Lambrechts-Woluwe (Brussels). Emitis' design will be reproduced on the postage stamp.

Text: Soraya Holderbeke

¹ Source: studies by such recognised research agencies as MAS, Research & Solutions, Ask and Research International in 2005 and 2006.

TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Theme: a young take on the "mail moment"
Design: Emitis Mohsenin
Denomination: ① or € 0.59
Stamp size: 27.66 mm x 40.20 mm
Sheet size: 166 mm x 100 mm
Composition of the sheet: 10 stamps
Paper: GPW fluorescent
Number of plates: 2
Perforation: 11½
Printing method: rotogravure
Engraving (cylinders): De Schutter 'Neroc sa
Printing: Stamps Production Belgium



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03 | ADVANCE SALE

21 02 2009

Louis Braille, River and canal barges, Red Cross

Sale: from 23 February 2009 at all post offices (not in postal agencies).

Advance sale: 21 February 2009, from 10 am to 4:30 pm at:



Salle polyvalente de la forêt des loisirs
Le Vieux Campinaire
Rue de la Virginette 2
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Jean Libert



Guillaume Broux

Cancellation date of issue:



23 February 2009, from 9 am to 5 pm
at the Philaboutique Brussels-De Brouckère,
Boulevard Anspach 1, 1000 Brussels.

Meet & greet: Jean Libert, Guillaume Broux and Daniel Fauville in Fleurus.



Daniel Fauville

07 03 2009

Belgian women in action, Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers, The postage stamp festival

Sale: from 9 March 2009 at all post offices (not in postal agencies).

Advance sale: 7 March 2009 from 10 am to 4:30 pm at:



Koninklijk Atheneum
Vander Merschplein 54
8930 Menen



Emitis Mohsenin

Cancellation date of issue:



9 March 2009, from 9 am to 5 pm
at the Philaboutique Brussels-De Brouckère,
Boulevard Anspach 1, 1000 Brussels.

Meet & greet: Emitis Mohsenin (with reserve).

Nora Theys will be present until 2:00 pm

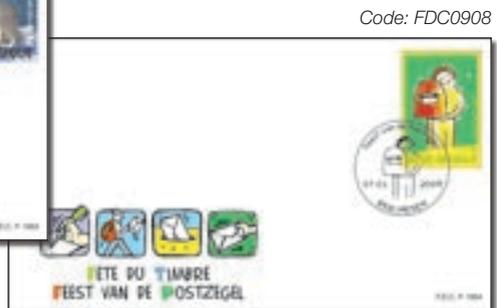
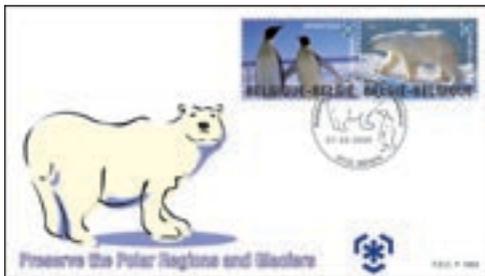
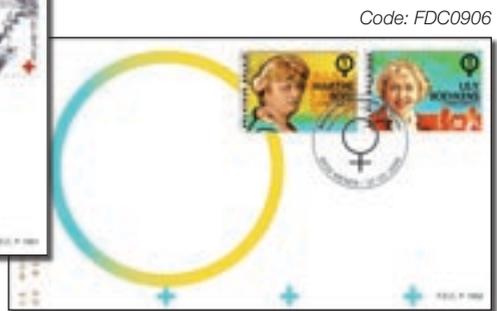
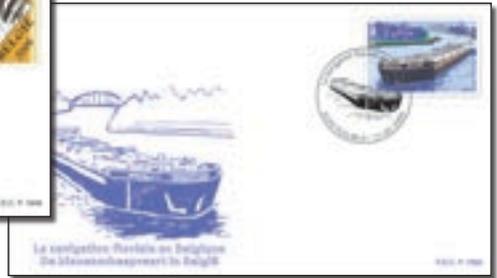


Nora Theys

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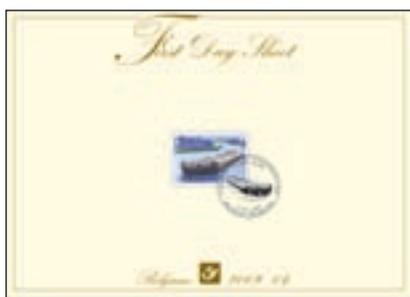
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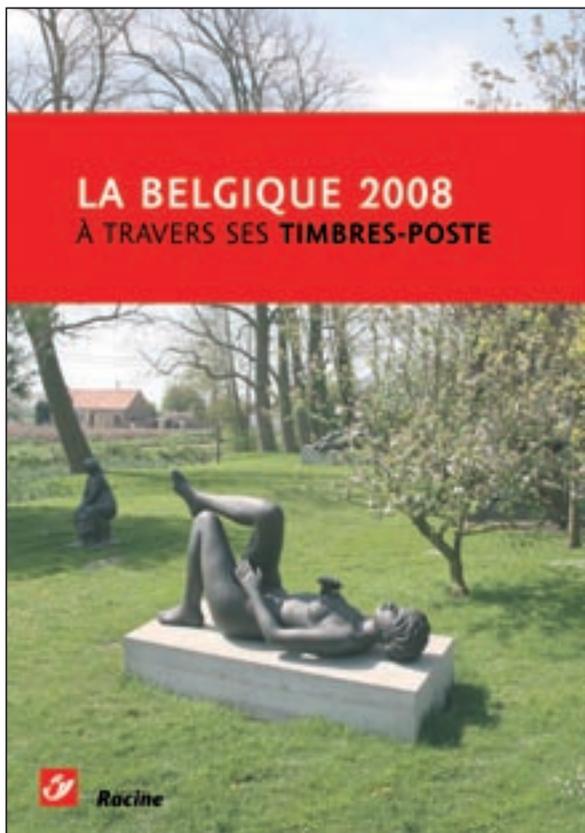
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For more details, visit www.philately.post.be

Issue date

12 11 2008

This is Belgium VI: Musique en B-majeur



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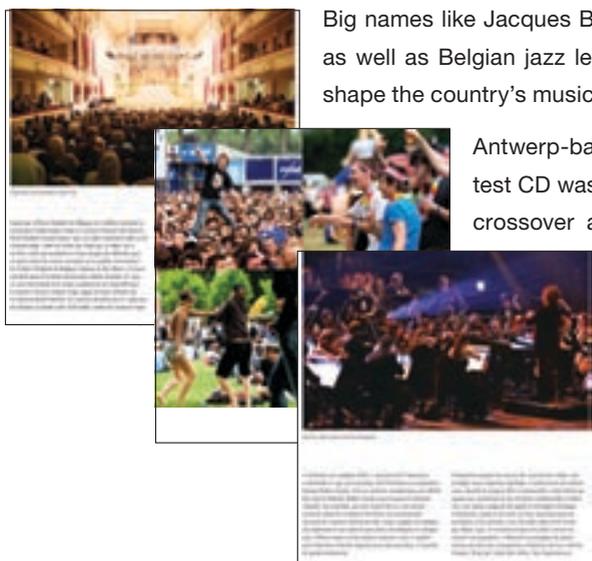
This time round, the Belgian philately collection series **This is Belgium** is devoted to Belgian music. The ten portraits in the book each cover an aspect of the country's musical wealth and diversity.

In addition to the prestigious Queen Elizabeth competition, the famous bass-baritone José van Dam and Philippe Herreweghe's musical ensemble are put in the spotlight. The speciality of Collegium Vocale Gent chamber choir is performing Baroque music as contemporary music.

Il Novecento, 'the orchestra of the 20th century', can perform the most diverse repertoires and musical styles. Every year the Rock Werchter festival plays host to the world's biggest rock and pop groups for four days.

Big names like Jacques Brel, Salvatore Adamo and Will Tura, as well as Belgian jazz legend Philip Catherine, have helped shape the country's musical landscape.

Antwerp-based Rock group dEUS, whose latest CD was released in 2008, and Latino/blues crossover act Vaya Con Dios from Brussels, also earn a place in the book.



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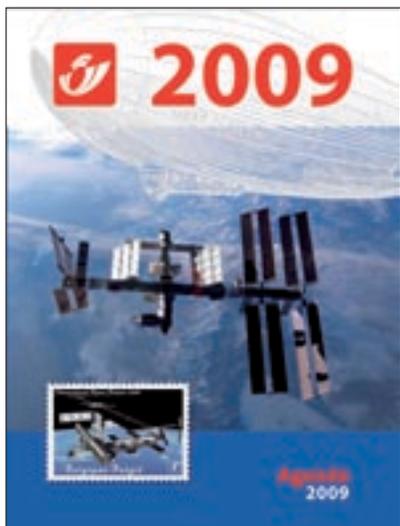
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31 10 2008

Agenda 2009



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society. Besides the special stamps issued to mark these events, we also have a sneak preview of the special stamps slated for issue in 2009.

The collectors among you will certainly be looking forward to that. For non-collectors the Agenda 2009 is a chance to find out more about the beauty and original themes of Belgian postage stamps.

2009 is a year in which aviation, space travel and astronomy will very much be in the limelight.

A number of key events in the history of aviation and space travel demonstrate that humanity always rises to the challenges of exploration. Like Blériot's first flight over the Channel in 1909, the Zeppelin's flight round the world in 1929, the first step on the moon in 1969 and last but not least the building of the International Space Station with Frank De Winne, who will participate in the project for six months.

2009 has been made International Year of Astronomy, to help people to comprehend their place in the universe and understand that scientific knowledge can contribute to a more balanced, peaceful so-

The Agenda 2009 contains:

- More than 100 pages in colour ,
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- The visuals of the postage stamps 2009.

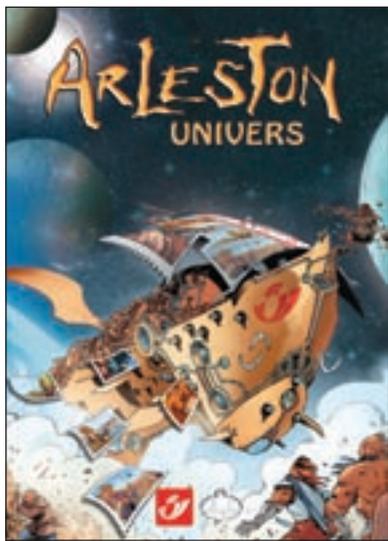
The Agenda 2009: a look forward!

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Philacomics: Arleston - Univers (Lanfeust)

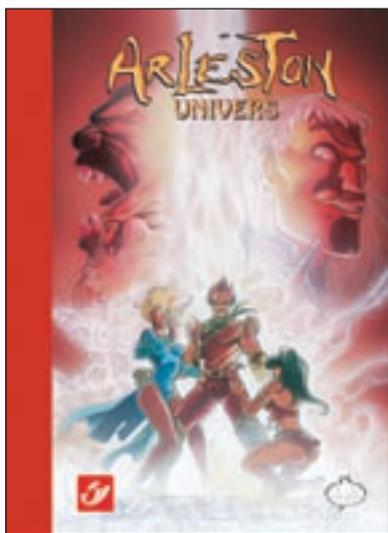


Inhabiting the magical world of Troy, Lanfeust is a blacksmith's apprentice with an unusual power.

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Arleston Univers gives a guided tour of Christophe Arleston's sprawling oeuvre, brightened up with comments from the author and many never published and little known illustrations.



TECHNICAL DETAIL:

Size: 15 x 21 cm

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4. A block of two stamps, torn horizontally, cancelled on the right stamp	S21*
5. A block of four stamps	S40
6. A block of four stamps, cancelled centrally	S41*
7. A strip of five stamps, bearing the plate number	S50
8. A strip of five stamps, bearing the plate number and cancelled on the outermost stamp	S51*
9. A strip of five stamps, bearing the date of printing	S60
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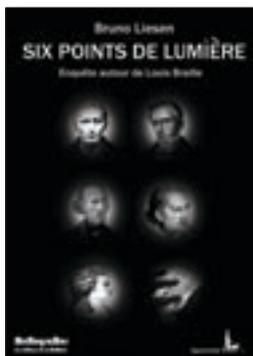
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06 | PUBLICATIONS

Issue date

23 02 2009

Six points de lumière: enquête autour de Louis Braille



Price: € 20 (VAT 6% included)
Code: BO0901FBRA (French)
BO0901NBRA (Dutch)

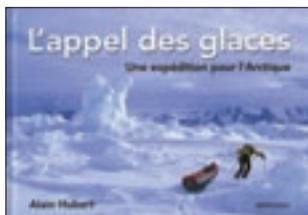
Louis Braille is one of the few people whose surname has become a household word as an innovation that continues to benefit individuals around the globe. Braille lost his sight at 3 years of age. The book pays special tribute to this emblematic person.

Written for the general public, it deals with not only the historical aspects of Louis Braille's life and his reading and writing system, but also the current situation of blind people. The book's intention is to give readers a better understanding of the world of blind and visually impaired people while also entertaining them. This book is an initiative of Ligue Braille, which provides help and guidance free of charge to more than 12,000 blind and visually impaired people in Belgium. As a Philanews reader, you can order this book, including the cancelled Braille postage stamp. Author: Bruno Liesen. Number of pages: 240

Issue date

09 03 2009

L'appel des glaces: une expédition pour l'Arctique



Price: € 20 (VAT 6% included)
Code: BO0902FANT

On 1 March 2007, Alain Hubert and Dixie Dansercoer set off on the ARCTIC ARC expedition, with the aim of crossing the Arctic on foot from Siberia to Greenland via the North Pole. The arc-like route of the expedition had never been attempted before.

During the 106-day trek, the explorers faced extreme conditions. They had to brave a dislocated, thinned-out ice floe riddled with channels of open water. Visibility was almost zero most times. The two measured the thickness of the snow on top of the ice throughout the crossing on behalf of the European Space Agency. This exceptional expedition organised together with the International Polar Foundation, helped raise awareness among the general public of the already visible impact of global warming on the Polar Regions and to underscore the crucial role of scientific research on the climate. Through his highly evocative photos, Alain Hubert puts this great first at the heart of the major challenge humankind is facing today. Completed with a sheet of cancelled postage stamps from the Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers! issue, making this book even more unique. Author: Alain Hubert - © 2007 Editions Mardaga

07 | IRISH STAMPS

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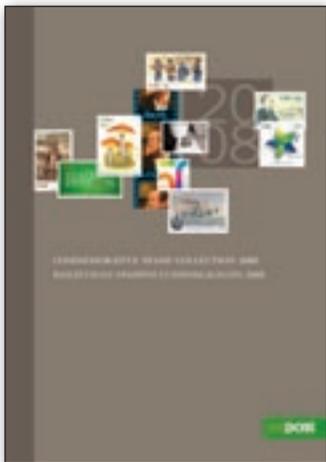
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stamp 82c

Code: IR081882

Price: € 0.99

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Code: IR082255

Price: € 0.67

25 09 2008

Centenary of the opening of Scoil Eanna



Code: IR0821551
Price: € 0.67

Code: IR0821552
Price: € 0.67



15 08 2008

150th anniversary first transatlantic cable



Code: IR081982

Price: € 0.99

Issue date

01 12 2008 (formerly 3/11/2008) and 28 01 2009

An unmissable addition to your Duostamp® collection!

Anyone who regularly reads comic strip albums will undoubtedly be familiar with **Largo Winch**. The series has been a success far beyond Belgium. The exciting stories have now also inspired an international film. We opted for the comic strip version for the Duostamp® set. The comic strip world has a lot of heroines too. We've chosen the oriental **Yoko Tsuno** with scenes from her adventures. An exceptional robot by the name of **Wall-E** is the main character in the eponymous Disney movie. We endeavoured to recreate the atmosphere

of this exceptional movie on the Duostamp® set.

Duostamp® sheets of 5 stamps are available from all post offices and www.post.be/eshop at € 4.99 each.

The 15-stamp Duostamp® sheets are also available from Stamps & Philately at € 14.50 each.



Codes Wall-E:
set of 5: DSS0810
sheet of 15: DSV0810



Codes Largo Winch:
set of 5: DSS0811
sheet of 15: DSV0811



Codes Yoko Tsuno:
set of 5: DSS0812
sheet of 15: DSV0812



Code sheet of 15: DSV0901

News for collectors of Duostamp® sheets: the stamp sheets Lanfeust de Troy will be available as from 28 January, the same day the Lanfeust de Troy Philastrip comes out, and this only at the Philaboutiques and from Stamps & Philately.

Editor kindles emotions...



Editor is a market leader in greeting cards, gift-wrapping and small gifts (key rings, frames and so on). The catalogue comprises more than 7000 items from thoroughly traditional to totally trendy. But Editor is so much more than a supplier of products. Editor kindles emotions. Not long ago Editor got together with De Post-La Poste to design ready to send cards. These sets comprise a stamp bearing the same design as the card. They complement each other well. First marketed in August 2008, the collection has been a huge success. Not only because of the convenience, but also due to the coordinated design of stamp and card. These new cards will be available in main post offices from early 2009.

10 | NUMISLETTER

Issue date

23 02 2009 and 09 03 2009

Numisletter

Stamps and Philately and the Royal Belgian Mint are issuing Numisletters 56 and 57 to go with the “Louis Braille” and the “Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers” issues.

These brilliant collector's items comprise a commemorative medal struck by the Royal Belgian Mint, and an attractive card with information on the issue in English, French, Dutch and German. The edition is limited to 2000 pieces.



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THE NEW EURO COINS FROM SLOVAKIA

On 1 January 2009 Slovakia joined the euro area.
Collect the new official euro coins of this country.



The €1 and €2 coins depict a double cross on three hills, as featured in the national emblem of Slovakia.
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We also present the €2 commemorative coins from Italy (60 years of Human Rights - 5.000.000 pieces) and Finland (60 years of Human Rights - only 1.500.000 pieces).
The reverse bears the common two-euro coin design.
Each coin is packaged in a transparent capsule.

Two-euro coin Italy 2008 60 years of Human Rights

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12 | EDEL COLLECTIONS



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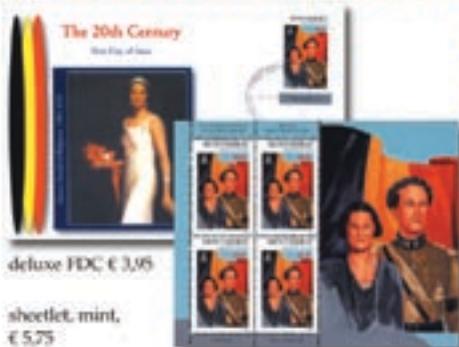
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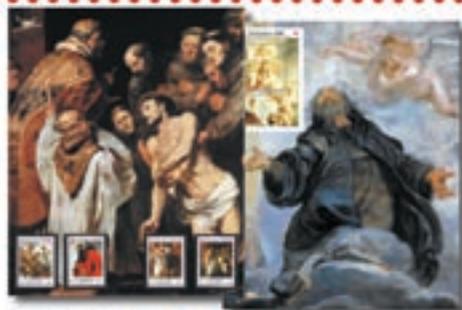


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Cancellation “Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft”



Please note that a special cancellation has been created in German for the “Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft” issue of 19 January 2009.

Franking labels



An Amiel postage meter will be used to produce 4 different Antwerp 2010 labels during the advance sale at Fleurus on 21 February 2009 (€ 0.59 - € 1.18 - € 0.90 and € 1.05). The “Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers” franking labels (€ 0.59 - € 1.18 - € 0.90 and € 1.05) will be available for sale in Menin on 7 March 2009. These franking labels can be ordered from the Sales Department at Stamps & Philately (individually or in sets). They will also be available from the Philaboutiques in Brussels and Mechelen (sets only). Use the central order form to place your order!



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Stamps & Philately will be present at Antwerpfila (28 & 29 March 2009), Antwerp Expo, Jan van Rijswijcklaan 191, 2020 Antwerp. Opening hours: Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm, Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm. Entrance fee: € 3,00. In cooperation with FNIP we offer free admission for our readers.

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If you want to ensure your mail is handsomely cancelled, visit the post office!

As of 1 January, a visit to the post office will ensure your mail is handsomely cancelled. We've put a new system in place to ensure your mail is not cancelled a second time by machine.

So how does it work?

1. Have your mail cancelled at the post office if it bears a particularly beautiful postage stamp.
2. Hand your mail over to the counter clerk together with a second larger unfranked envelope bearing the 'Philately Mail' sticker and the same destination address as the first envelope.
3. The counter clerk will frank the first envelope and place it inside the second one. In fact, up to five smaller envelopes can be placed in this larger envelope if you wish.
4. If you have more than five mail items for the same recipient or wish to send mail to different recipients, you should make an appointment. This will ensure you don't have to stand in line for a long time and other people are able to get their business done without having to wait too long either.
5. You can ask for the mail item back if you want it for your own collection. If you do, you will be no longer able to send it through the post.

The "Philately Mail" stickers can be ordered free from Stamps & Philately, Cancellation Service, Egide Walschaertsstraat 1, 2800 Mechelen. The sticker will ensure that all your mail bearing beautiful postage stamps will arrive at their destination in perfect condition. Enjoy your collecting!

Expo Antarctica 2009 and Brussels Book Fair 2009



From 15 January to 15 February 2009, Stamps & Philately will be present at Expo Antarctica 2009, the first philately exhibition to be held in Antarctica. We will tell the history of Adrien de Gerlache and the Belgica, the King Baudouin Base and the construction of the Princess Elisabeth Base through philatelic material. We will also be present at Foire du Livre in Brussels from 5 to 9 March

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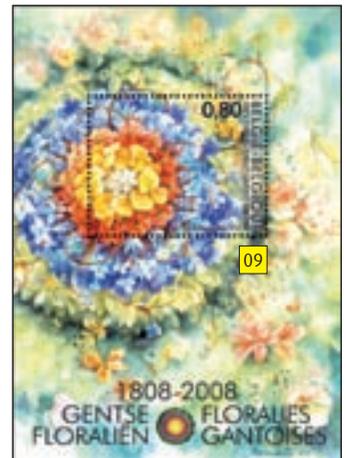
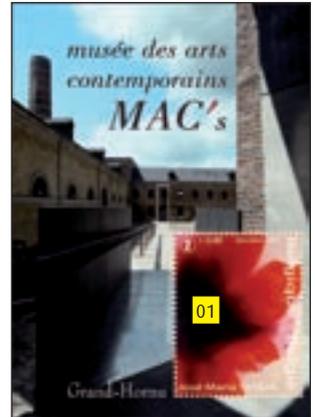
14 | MOST BEAUTIFUL STAMP OF 2008

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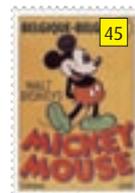
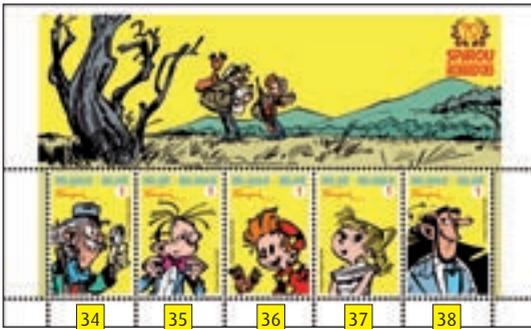
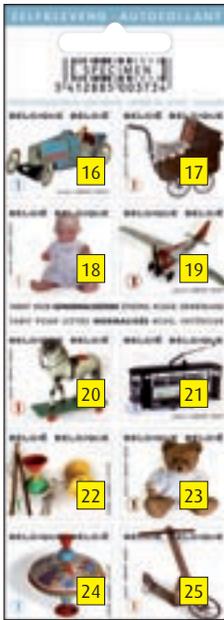
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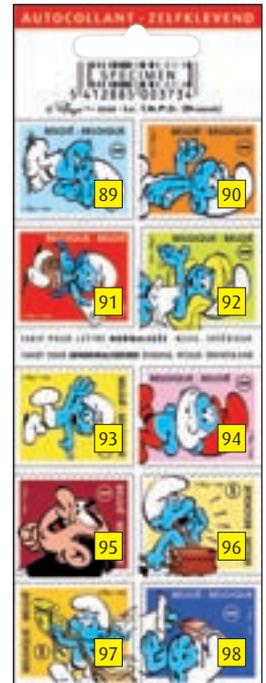
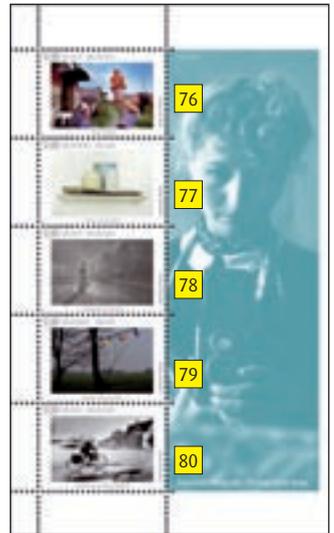
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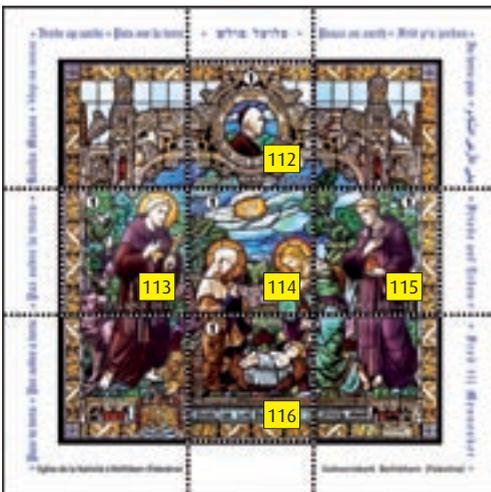
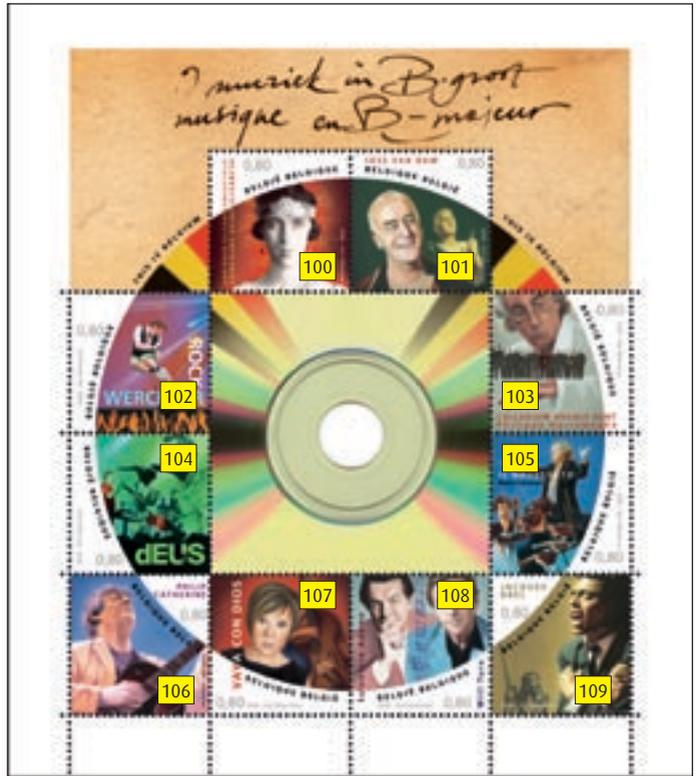
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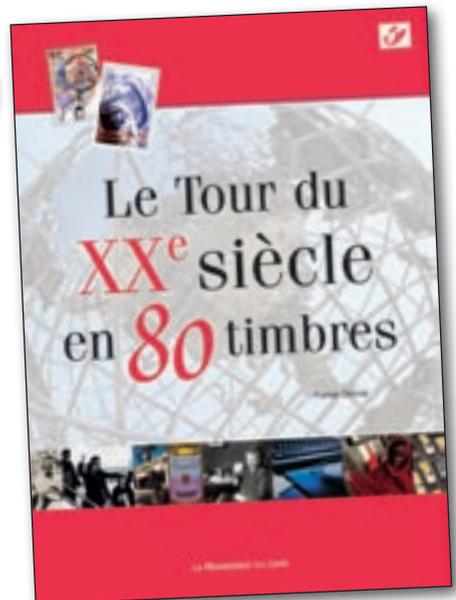
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