Focus on stamps
The Collector’s Magazine

125 years
Chimney Sweeper
Switzerland
+ Special events
+ Kiss
+ new definitive stamps
+ much more
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Dear Reader

At the start of 2022, Swiss Post increased letter prices slightly – in agreement with the price regulator – for the first time in 18 years. This step will help to ensure that a high-quality universal service for letter and parcel consignments and for payment transactions can continue to be provided nationwide in Switzerland, without the support of subsidies or taxpayers’ money. Just in time for the introduction of the new face values, we issued a new set of definitive stamps in early January 2022. These depict the beauty of specially selected Swiss river landscapes from all parts of the country.

Stamp lovers will find fascinating background information about these stamps inside the magazine. You can use the new, unique supplementary values to add to the stamps from recent years, which are still valid but have the old face values. This ensures that you can reach the values that now apply. And we’ve got lots more surprises in store for you to kick off the New Year: we’ve created a “Kiss” – or “Müntschi”, to use the lovely term from the Bernese dialect. Or, in other words, a stamp to seal your letters with a kiss. There are also appealing new stamps for other special events, which will give your personal correspondence the special touch of a wonderful stamp design. For animal lovers, there’s a series featuring delightful animals in their natural habitats. Elsewhere, we’re paying tribute to the highly acclaimed graphic artist and former stamp designer Celestino Piatti by marking his 100th birthday with a stamp, and we’re also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mummenschanz theatre and the 125th anniversary of the Chimney Sweeper Switzerland association.

There’s plenty more fascinating information to be discovered by browsing through the new issue of our magazine. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Claudia Frankl
Head of Stamps & Philately
## Issuing programme

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Knowledge and news

Exhibition cards and covers

International stamp exhibitions 2021

Unfortunately, only two of the five events that were planned for the year took place. As a result, we’re taking the exceptional step of offering the cards and covers for the following exhibitions individually instead of as a set:

4–7.11.2021 Paris, France 75th Salon Philatélique d’Automne

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Stamp set for children

Phila and Franco are back

The new stamp set contains 20 pages of games, fun and excitement about stamps. And the comic heroes Phila and Franco obviously feature again, too.

As well as the adventures of the two young philately friends, there are puzzles and craft activities. But children will also learn information about stamps, such as how to use tweezers. What are the best ways to store stamps? What stages does a stamp go through on its journey from sender to recipient? There are also eight stamps and three postcards to paint or colour in.

The cupcake recipe is a particular treat, and it’s directly related to one of the stamps. Included in the set are:

- The owl design by Celestino Piatti
- The habitats of the snail and common kingfisher
- The chimney sweeper design
- The cupcake design as a greetings stamp

Four are cancelled and four are mint.

Swiss Post’s stamp set for children is suitable for seven- to ten-year-olds and aims to help them discover the world of stamps. It is available from Postshop and larger Swiss Post branches as a single issue for 12 francs, and on subscription at swisspost.ch/stamp-subscriptions.

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Stamp set for children 1/2022  |  |  
German  | A400 904  | 12.00  
French  | A400 905  | 12.00  
Italian  | A400 906  | 12.00  

Stamp set for children 1/2022

Available from larger Swiss Post branches and at postshop.ch
In the run-up to Valentine’s Day on 14 February, Swiss Post is issuing a “Kiss” stamp on 1 February. In the shape of puckered lips, it’s not just ideal for love letters, but all kinds of warm and affectionate messages.

The Feast of St Valentine – a figure believed to represent various Christian martyrs – was established as a church festival in 469 and has been associated with romantic love since the 14th century. Lovers in England have declared their passion on this date since the 18th century. The tradition spread from there, initially within English-speaking countries and then throughout the world, partly due to the stationing of US soldiers.

What’s more romantic than a love letter? The new special stamp was created in the form of a kiss with a heart in the middle to give lovers a fitting way of franking their message. To achieve the desired effect, Zurich-based illustrator Isabelle Bühler firstly made the mouth from paper and then photographed it digitally from the right angle.

These self-adhesive stamps are perfect for sending correspondence such as wedding invitations.

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- **Paper**: White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 g/m²
- **Perforation**: Perforated along outline
- **Design**: Isabelle Bühler, Uster

![Single stamp on first-day cover C6](image)
Special events

A large number of letters and cards sent privately relate to events such as a birthday, death, birth or wedding. Four new special stamp designs aim to cover as many of these special events as possible.

Letters still play a very important role in certain events. Who would send a wedding invitation by e-mail or post a death announcement on Instagram? That’s why we’ve aimed to express the feelings and emotions associated with events such as mourning, birth, marriage, birthdays and exam results on the envelope as well as the stamp. Kriens-based designer Uwe Stettler chose traditional designs to hint at the content of the letter enclosed within the envelope.

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**Marriage**: White doves are a symbol of peace, innocence, love and fidelity, which is why they have been chosen to indicate a wedding celebration.

**Birth**: Toys, picture books and play mats tell letter recipients that a new playmate has entered the world.

**Mourning**: The umbrella symbolizes compassion for those grieving. Protection from the rain represents the alleviation of suffering.

**Congratulations**: The cupcake is a contemporary design and the ideal stamp for birthday invites or exam success.
Every child knows that most birds build nests and that foxes can hide down their holes. But how does a family of common kingfishers live? And what exactly does the inside of a bee nest look like? The “Animals in their habitats” special stamps feature the homes of four remarkable species.

The first depicts the brown-lipped snail, which carries its home around on its back and can be seen crawling at a leisurely pace over mossy terrain. It adorns the B Mail face value and is also a tongue-in-cheek reference to snail mail.

The common kingfisher was chosen for the A Mail value. These magnificent birds build their breeding burrows in vertical or slightly overhanging mud or sand walls near to bodies of water. Common kingfishers work together in their pairs to dig burrows of up to a metre in length.

Contrary to popular belief, bumblebees do not make honeycombs. Instead, they build nests in locations such as abandoned rodent nests, which can be found up to 1.5 metres below the ground. The stamp design depicts various wax chambers for eggs and larvae at different stages and wax cells with reserves of honey.

Finally, the hazel dormouse lives in nests found in low undergrowth. These nocturnal animals sleep during the day. To save energy, they enter a state of torpor for a few hours.
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Serpentine cut (4 sides)

Design
Oreste Vinciguerra, Kriens
100 years Celestino Piatti

Celestino Piatti enjoyed a unique career in design in the 20th century: the designs created by the Swiss graphic artist and illustrator (1922–2007) have found their way into the collective consciousness. This new special stamp in large format pays homage to his graphic design and art.

Designing over 6,000 book covers for the "Deutscher Taschenbuch Verlag" between 1961 and the mid-1990s raised his profile tremendously – even if few people actually knew his name. Celestino Piatti also produced remarkable work as an advertising designer, creating unmistakable posters for brands such as Rolex, Gauloises and Campari. In addition to all of those achievements, he excelled as an author of children’s books. One of his works – "The Happy Owls" – even became a bestseller worldwide.

Piatti was absolutely fascinated by owls, and he featured them heavily in his work. The original drawing of his writing owl (1968) provides the thematically apt design for this special stamp. The bird is sitting on the lettering “Helvetia 110” and looks as though it has just written the word with its quill.

Reference is made to Piatti’s tradition of graphic craftsmanship through the bright green “Neocolor” background, which also gives the owl a modern, contemporary look.

More information about Celestino Piatti can be found at www.celestino-piatti.ch
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A1 poster
The cheerful stamp design is available as a limited run of 200 A1 posters on MultiArt Silk paper (135 gm²). The product is supplied unframed. The selling price of 29 francs includes shipping costs within Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Deliveries cannot be made abroad.

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A year-long exhibition is being held at the Historisches und Völkerkundemuseum St. Gallen (Historical and Folklore Museum of St. Gallen). The vernissage will be held on 13 April.

The unique performance draws on the tradition of pantomime and silent mask art. The nationally and internationally acclaimed troupe brings simple materials to life, touches hearts, sparks its audiences’ imaginations and makes people laugh with subtle humour. The MUMMENSCHANZ theatre troupe has toured all over the world, raising Switzerland’s profile abroad.

The tour featuring the programme in celebration of the troupe’s 50th anniversary is already under way and will visit around 30 venues in all linguistic regions of Switzerland, before travelling around the world. It’s packed with the best-known and most popular sketches from a vast repertoire spanning the past 50 years.

The special stamp celebrates two of MUMMENSCHANZ’s most famous figures: "Giant Hands" opens the curtains for “Slinkyman”. The stamp has been enhanced with hot foil stamping.

Which other Swiss artist or theatre troupe has enjoyed uninterrupted success and such a high profile for 50 years – not just in Switzerland, but around the world? MUMMENSCHANZ has not only created its very own art form, but has also become part of Swiss cultural heritage.

Exclusive customer event with stamp presentation at the show in Winterthur on 4 March: 25 x 2 tickets to be won at www.swisspost.ch/mummenschanz-competition.
A limited run of 200 matching art prints on handmade paper (250 gm²) is available. Each of these works of art is hand-signed and numbered by MUMMENSCHANZ. The sheet size is 265 × 360 mm. The product has been enhanced by hot foil stamping in silver.

It is supplied unframed. The selling price is 139 francs, including shipping costs within Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein. Deliveries cannot be made abroad.

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| Sizes      | Stamps: 28×33 mm
|            | Sheetlet: 192×115 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)
| Paper      | White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
| Perforation| 13 ½: 13 ¼
| Design     | Janine Aebischer, Zürich

Art print

The art print is not supplied with the subscription.
125 years Chimney Sweeper Switzerland

This year, the Chimney Sweeper Switzerland association is celebrating its 125th anniversary. The special stamp issued to mark the occasion features a black scratch-off coating: the sender or recipient can clean the chimney on the stamp!

A master chimney sweepers’ association was founded as a cooperative back in 1897, but it was disbanded shortly afterwards. The association that exists to the present day was later founded in 1917. The work performed by chimney sweepers – 30 percent of whom are women – helps to protect the environment, ensure fire safety and improve air quality.

The special stamp is an illustration of a woman and a man in traditional costume with the typical tools of the trade. The chimneys that can be seen on the rooftops are black as soot but can be scratched clean. The clover leaf brings luck on the roofs – with or without soot.

The sheet also contains self-adhesive lucky charms. In addition to the chimney sweeper’s top hat, the charms also include a ladybird, a 1-centime coin and a four-leaf clover. As long ago as the Middle Ages, chimney sweepers were seen as bringers of good fortune, because they protected people from poisoning and fire by unblocking their chimneys. They also evidently had no fear of dark chimneys, where spectres were believed to live. Touching a chimney sweeper was believed to bring good luck in the New Year.
**Why a top hat?**

Damp wood was often burned during the 17th and 18th centuries. This created more soot and heat, which increased the risk of fire. The sweepers had to clear the soot regularly. While at work, they had the opportunity to see how people lived and what possessions they owned. To remind them not to gossip about what they had seen, they were given top hats, which were actually reserved for the upper classes at that time. Due to this history, chimney sweepers take great pride in the trust which was and still is placed in them.

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They are the pearls in Switzerland’s highly varied landscape. As the reservoir of Europe, the sources of some of the continent’s major rivers are found within Switzerland’s borders. But there are also breathtaking landscapes to admire along the lower stretches of these bodies of water. The renowned landscape photographer Andreas Gerth has captured some of this scenery for Swiss Post’s new definitive stamps. “Places of remarkable scenic and natural beauty” is how they are described in the Federal Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments of National Importance.

The stamp for B Mail letters, now costing 90 centimes, features a spectacular image of the Verzasca in Brione. The A Mail stamp, now worth 1.10 francs, shows a beautiful section of the Aare near Rubigen in the Canton of Bern. The franking for 1.80 centimes features the Rhine in Chur while it still resembles an Alpine river. The magnificent green banks of the Doubs at Le Theusseret in the Doubs Nature Park illustrate the franking for 2.30 francs. The new 4-franc stamp for small goods consignments in Europe presents the Rhone in Varen in a mysterious twilight atmosphere.

Swiss Post increased the prices of A and B Mail letters and of other mail items on 1 January 2022. The stamps containing the new values are now also available. They are dedicated to Swiss river landscapes.
### Technical information

**Sales**
- Mint stamps
- Philately/branches: from 20.12.2021 until further notice
- Philatelic products
- Philately: from 24.2.2022 until further notice

**Validity**
- Unlimited from 1.1.2022

**Printing**
- Offset
- CHF 1.10 Aare BE: 6-colour and iridin coating
- Other stamps: 5-colour and iridin coating
- Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

**Sizes**
- CHF 0.90 Verzasca TI:
  - Stamps: 33×28 mm, business sheet: 180×380 mm (open), 180×95 mm (folded) (10 rows of 5 stamps)
- CHF 1.10 Aare BE:
  - Stamps: 33×38 mm, business sheet: 180×500 mm (open), 180×125 mm (folded) (10 rows of 5 stamps)
- CHF 1.80 Rhine GR, CHF 2.30 Doubs JU, CHF 4.00 Rhone VS:
  - Stamps: 33×28 mm, business sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded) (5 rows of 2 stamps)
- Stamp booklet:
  - CHF 0.90 Verzasca TI: 183×62 mm (open)
  - CHF 1.10 Aare BE: 183×84 mm (open)

**Paper**
- White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm² (sheet) or 220 gm² (stamp booklet)

**Perforation**
- Serpentine cut (4 sides)

**Design**
- Andreas Gerth, Binningen
To provide anyone who still has old definitive stamps with an elegant way of using them, Swiss Post is issuing three supplementary values. Their design is wonderfully simple.

When the designer’s task is to symbolize the values of 5, 10 and 20 centimes, what could be more appropriate than depicting the relevant Swiss coins? This enables you to identify the value of the stamp quickly and clearly. The brief also called for the three stamps to be recognizable as a set, while ensuring slight differentiation between the individual designs. While the coins are always positioned in exactly the same way, they are immediately distinguishable by their different colour schemes.

Designer Marc Weller was keen to make the metallic quality of the coins tangible by using a realistic photographic style. The exceptionally intricate ornamentation surrounding the numbers is also highlighted: vines for the 5-centime coin, oak leaves for 10 centimes and Alpine roses for 20 centimes.

The franking amount is not explicitly included in the design, as it is more than clear from the value of the coins. Only the word “Helvetia” has been added.

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Philatelic products: philately: from 24.2.2022 until further notice

Validity
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Printing
Offset, 5-colour and Iriodin coating; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

Sizes
Stamps: 28×33 mm
Sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded)
(5 rows of 2 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²

Perforation
Serpentine cut (4 sides)

Design
Marc Weller, Bern
Pre-franked envelopes

Pre-franked envelopes are extremely handy and lighten the workload for both business and private customers. These envelopes have been adapted to the new face values and continue the tradition of wonderful images of animals typically found in Switzerland.

The designs are once again in harmony with nature – whether it’s cows raised as livestock or squirrels and swans living in the wild. They are all depicted with a young animal, which will hopefully warm the heart.

Featured on the 90-centime face value, the squirrel is a popular figure. Its habitat is not just recreational spaces, but often also commercial or protected forests. The fern, a plant that together with other primordial plants formed huge forests 360 to 300 million years ago, was selected as a symbol.

Face value of 1.10 francs: the cow – for Swiss people, at least – is also a popular animal and one that’s symbolic of Switzerland. The landscape represents appreciation for biodiversity, as do the meadow flowers, which provide food for insects, livestock and wild animals.

The franking of 2.10 francs depicts the elegant swan in splendid white, set against wonderful lake scenery. The fossil depicted is a testament to the creation of Switzerland’s mountains. The spiral is also a symbol of change and development.

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Design

Gerhard Blättler, Bern
Other products

Colourful stamps

Other products

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