

Hungarian Stamps 2013

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EUROPA 2013: THE POSTMAN VAN



Each year PostEurop, the Association of European Postal Operators, offers its members the opportunity of issuing *EUROPA* stamps on a common topic. The subject for this year's stamps is 'The Postman Van'. The prizes for the best *EUROPA* stamp are awarded based on the decision of the professional jury and the online vote. Magyar Posta's entry for 2013 shows a 1914 Csonka parcel delivery van on one stamp and a Ford postman's van on the other. Details of other postal vehicles appear in the border design. Eighty thousand copies of the miniature sheet designed by the graphic designer *Zsolt Vidák* were printed by the *ANY Security Printing Company*.

Since 2003 the most beautiful *EUROPA* stamps have been chosen by the public. After Monaco, Greece, Iceland, Ukraine and Armenia, Magyar Posta's new stamps won the coveted title three times in a row, in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In 2011 the organisers altered the rules of the competition and, in addition to the online vote of previous years, a seven-member expert jury also chose the most beautiful stamp. This first professional award was won by Cyprus Postal Services. On that occasion Magyar Posta's *EUROPA* stamp came second in the votes cast by the public, and last year the Hungarian stamp became Europe's best once more.

EUROPA 2013 • Order code: 2013110040011 (miniature sheet) • 2013110060012 (FDC) • Date of issue: 3 May 2013 • Total face value: HUF 940 • Number of copies issued: 80,000 • Imperforated size of the miniature sheet: 120 x 70 mm, perforated size of the stamps: 40 x 25 mm • Printed by ANY Security Printing Company • Designed by Zsolt Vidák