

WOPA Adds Austria to Client States

The World Online Philatelic Agency (WOPA) has announced that Austria's new issues are now available from the WOPA site at face value, and with free worldwide shipping. A WOPA spokesperson said "We are delighted to add Austria to the website. The stamps are magnificently designed and printed and it has been a pleasure to work alongside the professionals at Austria Post in making the launch a reality. With over 700 products on offer from Austria and almost 17,000 face value products available on the site, WOPA continues to grow and we are very grateful to our customers and to all the postal administrations who believe in us."

Austria's conservative release policy, relevant issues, and high quality production have made it one of the most highly respected stamp issuers in the world. Shown here is a sampling of the latest Austria issues.

One of the more interesting and detailed designs in recent memory honors the global logistics company, Gebrüder Weiss. Between 1474 and 1826, the Milanese courier took goods, letters and travellers from Lindau via Fussach and over the Alps to Milan on a weekly basis.

A joint issue with Germany, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, each of which used its own distinctive design, the Austrian stamp, issued September 9, depicts a historical map showing the transport route from Lindau to Milan.



Rail enthusiasts will welcome two contrasting October 10 issues, one marking the 120th anniversary of the Mur Valley Railway, and the other celebrating the opening of the Vienna Central Station.

Art on stamps is represented, left to right, by the Graphic Designer Arthur Zelger, who is known for his posters; Peter Weibel, an artist who advanced the science of computers for use in art, music and performance fields, shown here as "Media Poet"; and a reproduction of a Velazquez painting of the Infanta



Margarita Teresa of Spain, who was a 15th Century Archduchess consort of Austria.



Artists of another sort on recent stamps are Udo Jürgens, an Austrian composer and singer of popular music whose career spans over fifty years; and Austrian photographer and film maker Ursula Mayer.



Shown next are two stamps showing both sides of the most recent Vienna Philharmonic Gold Coin. First minted in 1989, the coins use the world-famous orchestra as the inspiration for their designs and

have become a popular form of holding gold as well as a collectible.

Finally, we show Austria's 2014 Christmas stamps.

The stamps of Austria, as well as the issues of more than 20 other postal administrations offered at face value may be accessed at the World Online Philatelic Agency:

<http://www.wopa-stamps.com/>

