

The Third "Winter Relief" Set of 1936



This set, inscribed "WINTERHILFE 1936-37" was issued on 2nd November 1936 to raise funds for the usual charitable purposes. The frames were designed by Professor Franz Retzl whilst the central motifs were designed by Professor Rudolf Jettmar - this was the only set of stamps which he designed for the Austrian Post Office. He was born on 10th September 1869 at Zawodzie near Cracow and studied at the Vienna Academy of Graphic Art (1886-1892) before going to Karlsruhe and Dresden. He then won the Rome Prize and travelled in Italy before returning to Vienna in 1897. He worked in that city, producing etchings and art books as well as paintings, and died there on 21st April 1939.

5g + 2g	green	Saint Martin sharing his cloak	450,000
12g + 3g	violet	Allegory: Healing the Sick	450,000
24g + 6g	blue	Allegory: Saint Elisabeth feeding the hungry	400,000
1S + 1S	carmine lake	Allegory: "Warming the Poor"	100,000

The stamps were printed by photogravure on ordinary chalky paper and line perforated 12½. The 24g+6g stamp is known imperf on the left and all of them occur imperf-all-round. The top value 1S+1S was sold only in the complete sets and only available at selected Post Offices; so only 100,000 sets are possible. The other three were on sale everywhere. The stamps were valid until 17th October 1937, the day before the issue of the 1937 Winter Relief set - so Winter Relief stamps could be used throughout the year.