

Planned but not issued in 1938

Unissued series planned by Austrian Post

Two sets were planned for issue in Austria during 1938 but were never issued; these are described in "100 Jahre Österreichische Briefmarke" pp38-39 as follows:

Town and Country Scenes, after designs by Alexander Exax and Oskar Spitzer

- 5g St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna; the south spire
- 12g Monastery Church at Dürnstein a.d. Donau, Lower Austria
- 30g Palace Fountain in the city of Salzburg
- 35g Abbey of Seckau, Cathedral of 12th century
- 36g Franz Joseph stretch of the Grossglockner High Alpine Road
- 40g Heidenreichstein Castle
- 1S 'Church on the hill' at Eisenstadt

Some of these scenes appeared on stamps of the Second Austrian Republic, e.g. St. Stephen's spire, the Salzburg fountain, and Heidenreichstein Castle.

"Famous Austrian Actors" after designs by Professor Wilhelm Dachauer.

- 5g Joseph Lange (1751-1831), actor, painter, novelist and composer. His acting career was mainly at the Burgtheater in Vienna. He was Mozart's brother-in-law!
- 8g Therese Krones (1801-1830) the most popular actress of the 1820s; she appeared mainly at the Leopoldstädter Theatre.
- 12g Charlotte Wolter (1834-1897) who played tragic heroines at the Vienna Burgtheater (e.g. Lady Macbeth, Iphigenie, Sappho, Kriemhild).
- 24g Josef Lewinsky (1835-1907), a character actor who played at the Vienna Burgtheater, where he became a producer.
- 64g Josef Kainz (1858-1910), born in Wieselburg in Hungary he spent his early years in theatres outside Austria, coming to the Burgtheater in 1899. In the following decade he undertook 28 new roles which made him extremely famous (e.g. Orestes, Richard II, Shylock, etc).

A few stamps are catalogued which were prepared by over-enthusiastic supporters of the Anschluss but forbidden by the German authorities. Four values of the Costumes series (ANK568, 573, 574, 575) were overprinted with a swastika and a new value (3, 6, 8, 12 Rpf resp.); similar overprints exist on postal stationery; genuine specimens are rare and expensive. The 3, 6 and 12 Rpf overprints are also available imperf.



A 12g stamp exists showing an idealised Austrian being welcomed into Greater Germany by an idealised German and inscribed *Deutsches Reich Land Österreich* at the foot; it exists, or at least is listed, in dark blue-grey and in grey-black. It's similar in design to the Heimkehrer stamp (ANK737) issued on 10.9.1945 although that only has an Austrian. The picture is the design, on an unused 13 March 1938 Hitler and Greater Germany card.

Rectangular landscape "stamps" exist in various values (5g, 10g, 20g, 50g, 1S) and colours (green, red, blue, violet and black/grey); all with a "cross potent" (in German, "Krückenkreuz") near the bottom left corner. This cross has horizontal and vertical arms of equal length, with crossbars at their ends. These are not postage stamps but propaganda labels, sold to raise money for Schuschnigg's planned plebiscite in 1938. The Schuschnigg labels are available perforated all round but only on 5 green, 10 red, 20 blue, 50 violet and 1s black/grey which is why it is impossible to get a complete strip of $5 \times 2 = 10$.

