

# 2008

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Venues

8x0.6 = 4€80; FDC: 17 Jan; issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Renate Gruber. ANK2725-32



The Austrian Post Office, a national sponsor of the UEFA EURO 2008™, presents the eight venues of this sporting event in this block of stamps: four towns in each of the two host countries Austria and Switzerland. New stadia were constructed in Salzburg and Klagenfurt.

## The Lead-up to WIPA 2008 - St. Stephen's Cathedral



0.55 + 0.20 surcharge = 0.75€; FDC: 18 Jan; issue: 540,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Charly Frei. ANK2733 This, the third stamp in the “On the way to WIPA08” series, represents both the completion and the climax of the series: the triangular surcharged stamp shows the most famous sight not only in Vienna but indeed in the whole of Austria, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the “Stephansdom” in the heart of the country's capital.

## ← ← UEFA EURO 2008™ - Trix and Flix

0.55€; FDC: 22 Jan; Issue: 8,130,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**; Printed by: Joh.Enschedé Stamps B.V.; Self Adhesive Stamps. ANK2734

Trix and Flix are the official mascots - the stamps were sold in a box of 100 stamps; also available as a strip of 5 stamps.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Logo → →

0.65€; FDC: 22 Jan; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Michael Rosenfeld; Printed by: Joh.Enschedé Stamps B.V.; Self Adhesive Stamps. ANK2735

The stamps were sold in a box of 25 stamps; also available as a strip of 5 stamps



## Hans Robert Pippal - Portrait of Martina



0.65€; FDC: 31 Jan; issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Michael Rosenfeld. ANK2736

Vienna was the focal point of the life and works of Hans Robert Pippal (1915-1998), even though travel and commissions took him to many countries of Europe and the USA. He was only 21 years old when he exhibited in the Vienna Künstlerhaus, but his promising career was interrupted by WWII.

The painting shown on the stamp dates from 1970 and shows the artist's daughter Martina at the age of 13.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Footballing Europe

0.55€; FDC: 4 Feb; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Corina Payr. ANK2737



The new children's drawings series is the result of an Austria-wide drawing competition held by the Post Office in co-operation with the provincial schools inspectorates. Children were invited to participate in this competition and produce creative works on the topic of the European Football Championships. Thousands produced their ideas as part of art classes and created designs for a stamp that will be seen around the world.

The first stamp in this series was created by 19-year-old Corina Payr from Ebreichsdorf in Lower Austria. Her work "Footballing Europe" is an ambitious and original representation of the topic.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Switzerland and Austria



0.55€; FDC: 4 Feb; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Alexandra Payer

The image on this commemorative was created by 14-year-old Alexandra Payer from Waidhofen an der Thaya. The subject of her picture is the host countries, Austria and Switzerland, a topic she presents with the cheerfulness of youth.

## WIPA 2008 [18-21 Sep] - GOLD



FDC: 15 Feb; Issue: 250,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Michael Rosenfeld. ANK2739-41. The block GOLD in a limited edition of 250.000 was only available for existing OPost subscribers or as a package containing the entry card and a special block issue. The three triangular WIPA stamps create the letter W as the initial for the WIPA, and show three of the world-famous sights in Vienna: the Ferris wheel, the Gloriette and St Stephen's Cathedral.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Stars



0.65€; FDC: 19 Feb; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Saskia Puchegger from Wiener Neustadt, born in 1991. Her almost professional work (*miau!*) represents a skilful graphic interpretation of the topic of football.



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## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Maria Lassnig: Defence



0.55€; FDC: 21 Feb; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Maria Lassnig. ANK2743.

Maria Lassnig was born on 8 September 1919 in Kappel am Krappfeld, and began her studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna in 1941. Wartime and post-war interruptions led her to Paris and elsewhere; it was only in 1954 that she returned to the Academy and completed her academic training. Maria Lassnig has received awards for her paintings, including the Austrian State Prize in 1988, and the Oscar Kokoschka prize. The Carinthian painter is one of the most important contemporary artists, and her “body feeling painting” has achieved international recognition.

## Animals - Tree frog and Kingfisher

0.65€; FDC: 25 Feb; Issue 500,000; Printing: Photogravure. Design: **Hannes Margreiter**. ANK2744-45. Self adhesive stamps on a card of 10 (2 strips of 5), showing the European tree frog and a European Kingfisher.



## 50 Years of Austrian Airlines



1€40; FDC: 28 Feb; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Amir Aghamiri. ANK2746.

Austrian Airlines AG was founded on 30 September 1957 and began regular flights on the Vienna-London route on 31 March 1958 using four chartered Vickers Viscounts 779. In the course of the 1990s the company acquired Tyrolean Airways and Lauda Air, thereby gradually consolidating the Austrian airline industry.

## Vienna State Opera - La forza del destino



0.55€; FDC: 1 Mar; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Michael Rosenfeld. ANK2747.

Once again, a premier at the Vienna State Opera House is the occasion for a commemorative, this time “La forza del destino” (The Force of Destiny), a four-act opera by Giuseppe Verdi. The work is to be directed by the British director David Pountney, with a set designed by Richard Hudson.

## Liechtenstein Museum Vienna: Amerling - Prinzessin Marie Franziska von Liechtenstein



1€25; FDC: 3 Mar; Issue: 800,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design & engraving: Prof. Wolfgang Seidel. ANK2748.

The last of the joint issues with Liechtenstein shows the portrait of Princess Marie Franziska von Liechtenstein (1834-1909) at the age of two. It was created by the famous painter Friedrich von Amerling in 1836. The original 27 x 33 cm oil painting on card was acquired by Fürst Johann II von Liechtenstein in 1927 from his sister Princess Therese Maria von Bayern and added to his collection.

## Modern Art in Austria - Soshana



0.55€; FDC: 7 Mar; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Soshana. ANK2749.

Soshana was born as Susanne Schüller in Vienna on 1 September 1927. In 1938 she fled the city together with her Jewish parents and moved to England, then America. In 1949 she left America, travelled around Europe and eventually made Paris her artistic home for many years from which she undertook long journeys to all parts of the globe. In 1972, she moved to Jerusalem, then New York, finally returning to Vienna in 1985.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - adidas Europass



3€75; FDC: 12 Mar; Issue: 490,000; Printing: Serigraphy; Design: adidas; Printed by: Cartor Security Printing. ANK2750.

The “adidas” commemorative’s special feature is that it is made of the same material, a synthetic mixture containing polyurethane, as the original ball used for the UEFA EURO 2008™ presented on the occasion of the draw in Lucerne on 2 December 2007. The company “adidas” was founded in 1920 by Adi Dassler at Herzogenaurach near Nuremberg.

The brown-yellow paper peelable paper protecting the gum is separately catalogued as ANK2745b!!

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Football(field)



0.55€; FDC: 20 Mar; Issue: 800,000; Printing: Offset; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**. ANK2751

Football is often referred to as “the most important triviality in the world”; others regard it with apathy or indifference; for some “it is far more important than life or death”. And of course it’s played as a game of two halves. The design of this stamp was entrusted to the tried and tested hands of Hannes Margreiter.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Lindwurm



1€25; FDC: 2 Apr; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Bolona Jencic. ANK2752

This painting by Bolona Jencic drew attention through its particularly original subject. The motif selected for the new stamp in this “refreshingly young” series of stamps shows the symbol of the town of Klagenfurt, the Lindwurm, in a successful and imaginative interpretation.

## UNESCO World Heritage List: Wachau



1€; FDC: 9 Apr; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design: Peter Sinaweil; Engraving: Prof. Wolfgang Seidel. ANK2753.

The Wachau is the part of the Danube Valley between Melk and Krems, together with the hills on both sides, the serpentine Krems Valley to the north and the Dunkelsteinerwald forest to the south. It is a region with a high quality of life and has been settled for thousands of years.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Großglockner



0.55€; FDC: 18 Apr; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Stefan Gritsch. ANK2754.

The snow-covered peaks of the Alps and the green turf of the football pitches inspired this work by Stefan Gritsch from western Styria. It merges the flags of Austria and Switzerland, the two host countries of UEFA EURO 2008™.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Lederhosen



1€; FDC: 19 Apr; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Vanessa Schennach. ANK2755.

There can be no doubt that lederhosen are the traditional clothing for men in the Alpine regions of Austria – and have been worn in their present form since the 17th century. The lederhosen are of course accompanied by the traditional broad-brimmed hat with a tuft of chamois hair. The original idea for this stamp was created by 12-year-old Vanessa Schennach from Burgstall in the district of Mutters.

## 100 Years of the Tirolean Federation of Traditional Provincial Costumes

0.75€; FDC: 26 Apr; issue: 400,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Michael Rosenfeld. ANK2756.



The Tiroler Landestrachtenverband (Tyrolean Federation of Traditional Provincial Costumes) is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008 with a wide variety of festive activities in all the districts of Tyrol under the motto “Sensitively continuing the traditions”.



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## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Andreas Herzog's goal



5€45; FDC: 5 May; Issue: 350,000; Design & printing by Outer Aspect Ltd.. ANK2757

Andreas Herzog, born 10 September 1968 in Vienna, is the Austrian record holder, scoring a total of 26 goals in 103 games for the national team. One of the most important was on 6 September 1997 during the World Cup qualifier against Sweden. A film of him scoring, which lasts about three seconds, was processed image by image and stored in one single picture using lenticular technology. By moving the photo manually, the impression is created of a continuous action. The reproduction of an entire film on a stamp is truly new.

## Animals - Southern White-breasted Hedgehog and European Hare

0.55€; FDC: 5 May; Issue 650,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**. Self adhesive stamps in a set of 10 (2 strips of 5), showing the Eastern European hedgehog (*Erinaceus concolor*) and the hare (*Lepus europaeus*). Sold on cards of 5-of-each.



## Federal Stud in Piber



0.55€; FDC: 9 May; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Manfred Schaffrian. ANK2760.

The Lipizzaner dates back to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, a symbol of Austria and a tourist attraction par excellence. Archduke Karl II of Austria founded the Lipizza stud close to Trieste in 1580. For decades, the Lipizzaners have been associated with the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, in which the noble horses are trained in accordance with the classical art of riding. The foals are dark in colour and only once they are four to ten year old adults do they turn white.

## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Lawn

0.75€; FDC: 10 May; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Silvia Holemar, Denise Prosegger and Guso Aldijana. ANK2761.

So many people dream of being able to call a small patch of lawn their own. Of course, not everyone can afford a lawn the size of a football pitch. But now we can all have a small piece of affordable lawn!



## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Participating Countries I

2€20 per block of 8; FDC: 16 May; Issue: 500,000 each; Printing: Offset; Design: Renate Gruber. ANK2762-2769 and 2770-2777.

This issue is two blocks each of 8 stamps. The design is uniform: a face painted in the colours of the national flag of the participating countries. Block I shows Italy (10), Spain (65), Croatia (10), Austria (20), Sweden (15), Portugal (20), the Czech Republic (65) and Greece (15). Block 2 presents Switzerland (25), Russia (55), Germany (25), the Netherlands (35), Romania (30), Poland (35), France (55) and Turkey (30). The bracketed number is the face value; the different nominal values of the individual stamps allow them to be combined as needed.



### 1.1 UEFEURO 2008™ - Children's Drawing - Chair



0.55€; FDC: 16 May; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Andrea Kastrun. ANK2778

Red chairs standing on a field, abandoned, with a football behind them, as if forgotten, as if there was something more important to do. And the only thing that could be more important will be the UEFA EURO 2008™ games being shown on TV, with everyone gathered around the screen to watch. When the best teams in Europe meet, you've simply got to be there, and the game on the field can wait.



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## UEFA EURO 2008™ - Coupe Henri Delaunay - Swarovski



3€75; FDC: 5 June; Issue: 400,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Michael Rosenfeld. ANK2779.

After the final on 29 June 2008 in Vienna, the winning team will receive the coveted Henri Delaunay Cup. The stamp shows the Cup against a blue background, and is decorated with four Swarovski crystals.

## Europa 2008 - Writing Letters

0.65€; FDC: 6 June; Issue: 800,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Adolf Tuma. ANK2780.

The oldest surviving letters date from ancient Egypt and Babylon, written on papyrus or clay tablets. The Greeks and Romans scratched their letters into wooden tablets covered with wax, while the Indians and the Chinese used palm leaves from a very early stage. In the Middle Ages in Europe, parchment was used at first, then paper.



## Patron Saints: St. Notburga



0.55€; FDC: 6 June; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design: Maria Schulz; Engraver: Mag. Robert Trsek. ANK2781.

According to legend, Notburga was born around 1265 in Rattenberg. She worked as a maid at the Castle and cared for the poor and the sick; and the Count's family allowed her to distribute leftover food to the needy. After her master died, she was evicted from the castle; misfortunes followed and she was brought back to resume her charitable works. The cult of St Notburga was officially confirmed by Pope Pius IX in 1862. St Notburga is the patron saint of maids, the poor and farmers. She is also regarded as the protector of the Sunday rest.

## Animals - Hoopoe and Bee Hawk-Moth

0.75€; FDC: 13 June; Issue 350,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**. ANK2762-63.

Self adhesive stamps in a set of 10 (2 strips of 5), showing the bee hawk-moth (Hemaris fuciformis) and the hoopoe (Upupa epops). Sold on cards.



## Series Locomotives - The Vienna Urban Railway



0.75€; FDC: 20 June; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design: Peter Sinaweil; Engraver: Prof. Gerhart Schmirl. ANK2784.

On 9 May 1898, the Vienna Urban Railway was ceremonially opened by Emperor Franz Josef. Today its routes are part of the underground network and the Vienna rapid transit railway. It was the only transport system in the world to be planned and designed as a whole by a single architect: k.k. Oberbaurat Prof. Otto Wagner. Particularly elaborate are the pavilions at Karlsplatz and the Court Pavilion in Hietzing. Otto Wagner's urban railway buildings, designed in the

Jugendstil, are today regarded as one of the most important works of art in Vienna.

## 100th anniversary of the death of Josef Maria Olbrich

0.65€; FDC: 5 Aug; Issue: 1,200,000; Printing: Offset; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**. ANK2785.

Josef Maria Olbrich, born on 22 December 1867 in Troppau, studied at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts; later joining Otto Wagner's office. The young architect created a special exhibition room for the newly founded artists' association, the Viennese Secession. The building later became known as the Secession building, and entered history as one of the main works of the Vienna Jugendstil.



## The Willendorf Venus in 3D

3€75; FDC: 8 Aug; Issue: 350,000; Design & Printing: Outer Aspect Ltd. ANK2786.



The Willendorf Venus is Austria's most famous and valuable find from the later Palaeolithic age. A very special stamp has been created for this outstanding object. A three-dimensional effect makes the Venus appear particularly vividly. There is no doubt that this innovative lenticular image stamp is a further milestone in contemporary stamp design. The figure is 11 cm high, made of fine limestone and has survived almost undamaged.

## Ranunculus

0.55€; FDC: 1 Sept; Issue: 200,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Judith Schimany; Printed by: Joh. Enschedé Stamps B.V. ANK2787.

Judith Schimany studied painting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna under Anton Lehmden. She has been awarded many prizes, and has participated in numerous exhibitions in Austria and abroad, including the Vienna Art fair, the Dorotheum, the Infeld Gallery Vienna, the Galerie an der Düssel in Düsseldorf, the Hartmann Gallery in Munich, the Artisart Gallery in Maastricht, and most recently in the Old Town Hall in Vienna.

This was the 2008 Subscriber's Bonus stamp.



## WIPA 2008



The WIPA self-adhesive stamp, face value 0.55€, was offered as strips of 5 or a box of 25. FDC: 2 Sep; Issue: 3,880,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**; Printed by: Joh. Enschedé Stamps B.V.

## Empress Elizabeth Western Railway

1€; FDC: 10 Sept; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design: Peter Sinaweil; Engraver: Prof. Gerhart Schmirl. ANK2790.

The Austrian Western Railway was originally known as the Imperial and Royal Privileged Empress Elizabeth Railway, and runs to Salzburg via Linz. This railway was agreed in an 1851 treaty between Bavaria and Austria, primarily to enable the Empress to travel quickly and comfortably back to her Bavarian home.



## Mail coach

2€65; FDC: 12 Sept; Issue: 400,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design: **Hannes Margreiter**; Engraver: Wolfgang Seidel. ANK2791.

Two international philately exhibitions taking place almost immediately after each other, “Praga 2008” and “WIPA08” are the occasion for this joint issue by the Czech Republic and Austria. The attractively designed block of stamps shows a historic painting of a mail coach, the epitome of the post in bygone days.





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## 80<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Friedensreich Hundertwasser



3€55; FDC: 18 Sept; Issue: 400,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design and engraving: Wolfgang Seidel. ANK2792-95.

“Hundertwasser was a unique figure in the contemporary art and architecture scene. He didn’t belong anywhere, and is hence difficult to classify. That is what makes it so difficult to do him justice.”

The motifs of these stamps were designed personally by the artist but not issued during the era of the Austrian Schilling. They will probably be the last Hundertwasser stamps ever to be issued.

## WIPA 2008 Silver

Unit price: 2€25; postage of 1€65 plus surcharge of 0.60€. FDC: 18 Sept; Issue: 400,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Michael Rosenfeld. Design: same as the “gold” of 15 Feb but some colours different. The silver lines have come out as light grey in the scan.



## Day of the stamp 2008

3€95; FDC: 18 Sept; Issue: 660,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Adolf Tuma



The SCHÖNBRUNN, a paddle wheel steamer, was built in 1912 at the DDSG shipyards in Obuda (Altofen) and played its part in the mail-carrying service. Although the ship survived the wars, the split-up of the DDSG threatened its future; so the company management had the ship classified as a technical monument in 1995 and sold it to the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Eisenbahngeschichte (ÖGEG) for one Schilling plus 20% VAT.

## Nude on stamp - Female nude

0.55€; FDC: 19 Sept; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Dina Larot

Dina Larot was born in Vienna on 6 January 1942 as Maria Elisabeth Lebzeltern. She studied art at Graz, and has travelled through much of the world. Although her artistic creativity covers a broad range of topics, the focal point of Dina Larot's work is without doubt the attractive nudes and pictures of young women.



## Gentian



3€75; FDC: 19 Sept; Issue: 400,000; Design & 'printing': Hämmerle & Vogel GesmbH & Co KG.

The embroidered Gentian stamp is, like the previous "Edelweiss", a product of the Austrian firm Hämmerle & Vogel. The threads and the colour follow the natural shape of the Clusius gentian (*gentiana clusii*), discovered around 100 BC by King Gentius of Illyria.

The example here was commercially used with a first day cancel on a large parcel to the UK.

## Maximilian Schell

1€; FDC: 20 Sept; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Professor Arnulf Rainer

Maximilian Schell was born in Vienna on 8 December 1930, the son of the Swiss author Hermann Ferdinand Schell and the Viennese actress Margarethe Noé von Nordberg. Following the Anschluß, the family fled to Switzerland where after study he became an internationally-known actor and producer. The stamp shows his portrait as painted by the Austrian Arnulf Rainer, celebrated for his overpainting technique.



## Romy Schneider



1€; FDC: 21 Sept; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Andreas Reimann

Romy Schneider was born in Vienna on 23rd September 1938, the daughter of the actors Magda Schneider and Wolf Albach-Retty. Even as a young girl, she wrote in her diary that “I must become an actress, I must!” Romy Schneider’s life was a series of highs and lows – the celebrated film star on the one hand, the actress abandoned by the international press on the other hand. She died in Paris in 1982.

## Thomas Morgenstern

1€; FDC: 27 Sept; Issue: 700,000; Printing: 700,000 Design: Renate Gruber

At the age of only 22, Thomas Morgenstern is already one of the most successful Austrian ski-jumpers ever. Twice the Olympic winner and overall World Cup winner in the 2007/2008 season, this congenial Carinthian has been a source of enthusiastic delight for his many fans over the last two years.



## Markus Rogan

1€; FDC: 27 Sept; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Renate Gruber



The stamp depicts top Austrian sportsman of today, Markus Rogan, the most successful Austrian swimmer of all times. In September 2004, he was awarded the Special Fair Play Award for this exemplary sporting behaviour by the European Fair Play Movement (EFP), and in addition in 2004 he was voted Austrian Sportsman of the Year.

## European Champions 2008

0.65€; FDC: 27 Sept; Issue: 1,200,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Michael Rosenfeld

This “European Champions 2008” issue marks the end of UEFA EURO 2008™.

On 29 June, Spain defeated Germany 1:0 and the design shows the delighted captain of the Spanish team, the goalkeeper Iker Casillas, exuberantly holding up the UEFA Cup.





## 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Federal President Dr. Heinz Fischer



0.55€; FDC: 7 Oct; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Michael Rosenfeld.

The Austrian Post Office is delighted to release a commemorative in honour of the Federal President Dr. Heinz Fischer's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Dr Fischer studied law and political science at the University of Vienna; after graduating, he entered politics, joining the Socialist party. Alongside his political career, Dr. Fischer has always had an interest in the academic and legal worlds, particularly in the fields of politics, constitutional law and political science. Since 1978, he has been a university lecturer for political science at the University of Innsbruck and was appointed Full Professor in 1994. In 2004, Dr. Heinz Fischer was elected to the Federal Presidency.

## Classic Trademarks "Manner"

0.55€; FDC: 16 Oct; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Designer unknown.

Josef Manner had a small shop on Stephansplatz, where he sold chocolates and fig coffee. Dissatisfied with the quality of the chocolate from his supplier, he decided to go into production himself, and on 1 March 1890 he founded the "Chocoladenfabrik Josef Manner." The company's best-known product today is the hazelnut-filled Neapolitan Wafer.



## Koloman Moser

1€30; FDC: 31 Oct; Issue: 1,200,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Adolf Tuma



Together with Josef Hoffmann, Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt and Adolf Loos, Koloman Moser (1868 to 1918) was one of the internationally important artists who around the turn of the century began the great age of the Austrian Modern. They had in common a commitment to art that was not limited to the imitation of historical styles. Moser's quest, however, was for a new all-encompassing art in which everything, from architecture to the smallest decorative element of everyday utilitarian objects, was to be created in a strict artistic form. "Simplification is not to be found in omission but rather in concentration", he asserted.

## Old Austria: Trieste

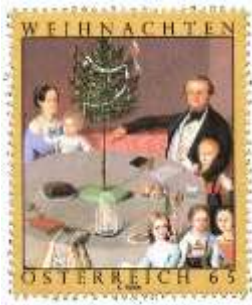
0.65€; FDC: 3 Nov; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Adolf Tuma

This new stamp from the popular "Old Austria" series shows the service hall of the Trieste Imperial and Royal Post Office building. Incidentally, not many people know that the tide gauge fitted to the Molo Sartorio in the harbour has been used since the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the Central European "metres above the Adriatic" zero point.



## Christmas 2008 - The First Christmas Tree in Ried

0.65€; FDC: 5 Nov; Issue: 3,000,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Adolf Tuma



The first Christmas tree in Ried was in the house of the wealthy Rapolter family; The painter Felix Ignaz Pollinger originated from Munich and later worked in Vienna, and it was he who created in this painting a convincing depiction of the Biedermeier family idyll.

## Patron Saints: St. Martin

0.55€; FDC: 7 Nov; Issue: 500,000; Printing: Photogravure and Intaglio; Design: Maria Schulz; Engraver: Mag. Robert Trsek

St Martin of Tours lived from around 316 to 397. He was consecrated Bishop of Tours on 4 July 372. In Austria, he is the patron saint of the province of Burgenland. His feast day is 11<sup>th</sup> November, celebrated in many villages and towns by the Lantern Festival with its ceremonial procession that is so popular amongst children.



## 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Karl Schranz

0.65€; FDC: 11 Nov; Issue: 700,000; Printing: Offset; Design: Renate Gruber



Karl Schranz was born in 1938 in one of the most attractive winter sport regions in Austria, St. Anton am Arlberg. He was soon attracted to competitive sport. In the course of his international career, he won the World Champion title three times, the overall World Cup twice and a silver medal at the Olympic Games in Innsbruck in 1964.

## Christmas 2008 - Ceiling Fresco from Mattsee

0.55€; FDC: 21 Nov; Issue: 8,000,000; Printing: Photogravure; Design: Adolf Tuma.

The stamp shows a detail from the Adoration of the Magi, the middle painting of the ceiling fresco over the central nave of the Collegiate Monastery and Parish Church of St Michael in the Three Lakes region of the Flachgau; it was created by an unknown Salzburg painter around 1700. On the occasion of the renovation of most of the stucco-framed ceiling paintings in 1851-2, the Salzburg painter Josef Rattensperger probably also painted over this fresco in the popular Nazarene style.

