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MaltaPost marks the forthcoming withdrawal from service of the Maltese Buses

To mark the withdrawal from service of Malta's iconic buses, MaltaPost will issue a commemorative set of stamps depicting some of the vehicles that were in operation over the years.

Local artist Cedric Galea Pirotta was commissioned to paint 20 of the most popular buses covering the principal routes throughout Malta and Gozo, each in its original route livery.

The issue will be released on the 2nd July 2011, coinciding with the date of withdrawal from service of the existing buses. It will consist of two sheets each of 10 different stamps bearing a denomination of 20c and 69c respectively. In addition to the usual philatelic items, MaltaPost has produced a number of related items as souvenirs of this event in our transport history.

Firstly, a set of 20 maximum cards will be issued to complement the stamp set. These are a philatelic version of a postcard bearing an identical image of a stamp.

Additionally, a set of 20 prints of the original watercolours by Cedric Galea Pirotta will be issued. Each print will measure 41cm by 33cm and will be presented in two folders of 10 prints each.

In conjunction with "Buses Worldwide", MaltaPost has reprinted their popular booklet "Maltese Buses of Yesteryear" which is filled with photographs of many buses that have served various routes over the years.

The routes depicted in the stamps are: Birkirkara, Birkirkara – St. Julian's, Cospicua, Gozo, Gudja/Ghaxaq, Kalafrana, Lija, Mellieha, Mosta, Naxxar, Rabat, Siggiewi, Sliema, Zabbar, Zebbug/Siggiewi, Zejtun and Zurrieq. The three other buses included in the commemorative set are those for "Private Hire", the Gozo Mail Bus and the classical Magirus Deutz representing "All Routes", which has now been entrusted to Heritage Malta along with a selection of other buses.

The related products are available immediately from the MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau and all Post Offices as well as selected retail outlets. The stamp set will be available on the 2nd July 2011. More information is available by visiting www.maltaphilately.com, emailing: philately@maltapost.com, telephoning the MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau on 2596 1740 or by post at 305, Triq Ħal-Qormi, Marsa MTP 1001.

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Biex tfakkar il-waqfien tas-servizz tal-karozzi tal-linja ikoniċi ta' Malta, MaltaPost se toħroġ sett ta' bolol commemorattiv li juri ftit mill-karozzi tal-linja li kienu jintużaw matul is-snin.

L-artist Cedric Galea Pirotta kien ikkummissjonat biex ipiŋgi 20 mill-aktar karozzi tal-linja popolari li jkopru r-rotot prinċipali madwar Malta u Għawdex, kull wieħed fil-kulur tar-rotta originali tiegħu.

Is-sett se joħroġ fit-2 ta' Lulju, l-istess data li se jieqaf is-servizz tal-karozzi tal-linja eżistenti. Is-sett se jkun jikkonsisti f'żewġ folji ta' 10 bolol differenti b'denominazzjoni ta' 20c u 69c rispettivament. Flimkien ma' l-oġġetti filateliċi tas-soltu, MaltaPost produċiet numru ta' affarijiet relatati, bħala tifkira ta' dan l-avveniment fl-istorja tat-trasport tagħna.

Biex jikkumplimenta s-sett tal-bolol, se joħroġ sett ta' 20 "maximum cards". Dawn huma verżjoni filatelika ta' postcards li għandhom disinn identiku bħal dak tal-bolol.

Se joħroġ ukoll sett ta' 20 print tal-watercolours originali ta' Cedric Galea Pirotta. Kull print se tkun 41cm b'33cm u se tkun preżentata f'żewġ folders ta' 10 prints il-wieħed.

B'kollaborazzjoni ma' "Buses Worldwide", il-MaltaPost stampat il-ktejjeb popolari tagħhom "Maltese Buses of Yesteryear" li huwa mimli bir-ritratti tal-karozzi tal-linja li servew rotot diversi matul is-snin.

Ir-rotot li jidhru fil-bolol huma: Birkirkara, Birkirkara - San Ġiljan, Bormla, Għawdex, il-Gudja / Ħal Għaxaq, Kalafrana, Ħal Lija, il-Mellieha, il-Mosta, in-Naxxar, ir-Rabat, is-Siġġiewi, Tas-Sliema, Ħaż Żabbar, Ħaż Żebbug / is-Siġġiewi, iż-Żejtun u iż-Żurrieq. It-tliet karozzi tal-linja l-oħra li huma nkluzi fis-sett commemorattiv huma dawk tal-"Private Hire", il-"Gozo Mail Bus" u l-klassiku "Magirus Deutz" li jirrappreżenta "All Routes", li issa ġie fdat lill-Heritage Malta flimkien ma' għażla ta' karozzi tal-linja oħra.

Dawn il-prodotti jistgħu jinkisbu minnufih mill-Bureau Filateliku tal-MaltaPost u mill-Uffiċċji Postali kollha, kif ukoll minn ċerti ħwienet. Is-sett tal-bolol se jkun jista jinkiseb mit-2 ta' Lulju 2011. Għall-aktar informazzjoni zur is-sit www.maltaphilately.com, email: philately@maltapost.com, numru tat-telefon 25961740 jew fl-indirizz 305, Triq Ħal-Qormi, Marsa MTP 1001.