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MIKSA RÓTH WAS BORN 150 YEARS AGO SPECIAL EDITIONS AND STAMP SET



Magyar Posta is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Miksa Róth by issuing special commemorative stamp blocks and an exclusive set of stamps in addition to the commemorative stamp block released on 4 June. The Pax mosaic designed by Miksa Róth, is featured on the red numbered imperforated and the green numbered specially perforated stamp blocks, which have the same design as the standard version. Besides the standard and special editions, the set contains a limited monochrome version, of which only 650 copies have been printed. The stamp blocks and the folder were produced using designs by György Kara. The new issues will be available while stocks last at Filaposta in Budapest from 24 July, but may also be purchased from Magyar Posta's online store.

Miksa Róth (1865–1944) is the best known and most highly acclaimed Hungarian glass stainer and mosaic artist who ever lived. Among the buildings adorned by Róth's stained-glass windows are the Gothic church of Mariasdorf in Burgenland, the Hungarian Parliament, the buildings of today's Ministries of Finance and Interior, and the Central Bank of Hungary as well as the Vajdahunyad Castle, which was rebuilt in 1903, and the former royal retreat, which was converted into the Chapel of Ják. Of his mosaics, those which can still be seen today include the capital's largest public mosaic, Patrona Hungariae on the facade of the former Turkish Bank House on Szervita Square in Budapest; the mosaic symbolising the foundation of Pannonhalma Abbey on the facade of the church there; and the light modern mosaic decoration of the dome hall of the Széchenyi Baths executed in conjunction with Zsigmond Vajda. Róth was awarded the title of Knight of the Order of Franz Joseph for the successful introduction of the art of mosaic-making in Hungary. In 1900 he won a silver medal at the first major international review of the Secession in Paris. Later he was awarded a gold medal in world exhibitions in Turin and Saint Louis, and received the Italian king's gold medal for reviving mosaic technique. (Source: Tibor Fényi's manuscript – Miksa Róth Memorial House)

The RÓTH Stamp Set comes with a numbered Certificate in Hungarian and English bearing an embossed postal seal verifying its originality. It is sold in a resealable pouch. The cover of the folder, which also serves as packaging, bears the portrait of Miksa Róth. On the other pages there is a biography of Miksa Róth in Hungarian and English. The stamp blocks and the monochrome edition are protected in mounts.

RÓTH SPECIAL & SET: Order code: 2015171030011 (red numbered block), 2015172030011 (green numbered block), 2015173020011 (set) • Date of issue: 24 July 2015 • The face value of the blocks is HUF 1,000. The selling price of the stamp set is HUF 20,000 • Printing method: 4-colour offset • 2,500 red and 2,500 green numbered blocks and 650 sets were produced. • Perforate size of the stamp: 30x36,92 mm • Imperforate size of the block: 90 x 65 mm • The stamp blocks were produced by the Banknote Printing Company (Pénzjegynyomda), and the folder by Keskeny Printing Company. • The source material was provided by the Miksa Róth Memorial House. • Photograph by Tibor Fényi, Aladár Székely. • Designed by György Kara • *The monochrome edition may not be used to pay for the postage of letter-mail items.*