



The World's Best Stamps 2025



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General

The competition is open only to Post Offices or Postage Stamp Issuing Authorities of Member Countries of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

The awards will be made annually by an International Jury made up of Academics, Design Artists and Philatelic Jurors. Philatelic Jurors will be qualified National jurors as well as International Jurors as recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP).

Note: Stamps which do not respect paragraph 6.5.4 of the UPU Convention will incur the automatic removal from the contest.

The Prize winners may use the words "The World's Best Stamp of 2025" or that of the other categories in the promotion and advertising of their stamps. The verdict of the International Jury is final and no appeal will be considered.

Participation in the Competition implies the acceptance of these rules and decisions adopted by the Organizer of the event. The results will be made known to the International Philatelic Press.

Categories

The awards for "The World's Best Stamps of 2025" will be for the following categories.

1. Most Innovative Stamp Form
2. Best Souvenir Sheet
3. Best Intaglio Stamp
4. Best Offset Stamp
5. Best Mixed Printing Stamp

Each category will have a First, Second and a Third winner. From the winners of each category, the jurors will select the "The World's Best Stamp".

Other than Category "Best Souvenir Sheet", only the stamp will be evaluated, ignoring the rest of the surround, if any.

If you are entering, please do so soonest by completing the Entry form online, uploading the images and sending the stamps entered as below.

Please indicate in the application form which categories your authority will be submitting for adjudication. Note you may enter Stamps/Souvenir sheets into a maximum of three categories. **All stamps must have been issued in 2025.** A separate entry form must be completed for each submission.

Material to be adjudicated must be scanned at a high resolution of 600dpi into JPG, PNG, TIFF, BMP or GIF format and submitted on our Website together with the Entry Form or by transferring the files via a 'File transfer program' such as 'WE TRANSFER' or similar methods to the following email addresses:

The organisers have decided to accept a maximum of 3 stamps per Postal Authority. This would include a miniature sheet as one of the three allowed entries. All stamps must have been issued in 2025.

It is required that 3 (Three) physical copies of stamps entered into categories "3. Best Intaglio Stamp" and "5". Best Mixed Printing Stamp" be mailed by Registered post to the Organisers. See address details on page 2.

Jurors

Multiple teams of three persons (an Academic, a Design Artist and a Philatelic Juror) will be assigned the

task of assessing the submissions and will reach agreement on the winners in each class.

Adjudication and Awards

Each category will have a First, Second and a Third winner. From the winners of each category, the jurors will select the “The World’s Best Stamp”.

The first winner of each category will receive a certificate and a commemorative plaque. All the other entries will receive an electronic certificate of participation.

A special prize will be awarded to the winner of “The World’s Best Stamp”.

Stamp Image

A Digital Image or Hi-resolution scan of the stamps entered must be uploaded on the “Entry” page. Please scan at 600 DPI into either JPG, PNG, TIFF, BMP or GIF formats.

3 (Three) physical copies of entries into Categories “3. Best Intaglio Stamp” and “5. Best Mixed Printing Stamp” must be sent by REGISTERED post to:

*The Organisers
World’s Best Stamp
Poste Restante
Strand Post Office
7139 Western Cape
South Africa*

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Entry Forms

The Entry form/s may be submitted online or downloaded, completed and emailed to the organisers.