

October 2022 New Issues Polonus Philatelic Society

16th International Henryk Wieniawski Violin Competition

This 3.90-zł stamp celebrates the 16th International Henryk Wieniawski Violin Competition, held in Poznań on October 7-21, 2022. The competition was founded and named in 1935 by the 19th Century Polish virtuoso and composer, Henryk Wieniawski (1835-80). It now takes place every five years, with young violinists age 30 and younger competing from around the world. The winner in 2022 was Japanese violinist Hina Maeda, age 20, who received a gold medal and a 50,000-Euro prize.

The stamp depicts a symbolic rendition of the harmony of many different musical sounds, measures, and phrases surrounding an upright violin. QR and numeric bar codes are displayed in the bottom margin of the pane.

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Designer	Bożydar Grozdew



100 Years of Naval Military Education

The centennial of the Gdynia Maritime University (GMU) is referenced on this 3.90-zł stamp. It is one of two such schools in Poland, the other being at the University of Szczecin. The GMU was founded in June 1920 as the Maritime School in Tszew. It

was later relocated to Gdynia and renamed the State Maritime School in 1930. During World War II, it operated in England.

The GMU specializes in educating officers for the maritime industry, especially the merchant navy. It is now the largest school of higher maritime education in Poland, and one of the largest in Europe. The university includes Departments of Entrepreneurship and Commodities, Maritime Engineering, Nautical Science, and Electrical Engineering. The pane of stamps includes QR and numeric bar codes in the left margin.

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Saint Archangel Gabriel – Patron of Postal Workers and Philatelists

This colorful 3.90-zł stamp recognizes Saint Archangel Gabriel holding a scroll, as depicted on a modern banner from Poczta Polska SA. In Christianity, Gabriel is probably best known as the Angel of the Annunciation, who brought the message of Jesus' birth to Mary, the Mother of God. However, he is also considered to be the Holy Patron Saint of messengers, postal workers, and telecommunications workers. Traditionally, he is depicted as clothed in blue or white, carrying a lily, trumpet, shining lantern, a branch from Paradise, and a scroll or scepter.

This pane of eight stamps is perforated in both square and circular formats. QR and numeric bar codes are found in the lower right margin of the pane.

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Designer

Roch Stefaniak



Christmas

This Priority S (4.80-zł) stamp celebrates the Christmas holiday (*Boże Narodzenie*). The stamp shows a scene of the Nativity of Jesus from a late Gothic sash polyptych dating to 1504, that is housed in Frombork Cathedral Basilica (Archcathedral Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Andrew). The Cathedral Basilica is famously associated with the Polish astronomer and mathematician Nicolaus Copernicus who served as a canon there and was later buried there. The Cathedral Basilica is on Poland's official national Historic Monuments List (*Pomnik Historii*).

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Poczta Polska SA



100th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Supreme Administrative Tribunal

This A-denominated (3.90-zł) postal card honors the century-old Polish Supreme Administrative Court (*Naczelny Sąd Administracyjny*) or NSA. The NSA is the court of last resort in cases between individuals or corporations and administrative bodies. The imprinted postage on the card shows Jan Sawicki, the first president of the NSA, and the left side of the card depicts NSA's first headquarters at the Collegium Nobilium in Warsaw. The early court was strongly influenced by the legal standards outlined in the Austrian General Administrative Procedural Act. However, Poland's May Coup d'état of 1926 brought dramatic changes to the court and Sawicki was displaced. In the subsequent years of Poland's turbulent history, the NSA has undergone many other major changes.

More recently, in late 2022, the NSA issued a controversial judgement in opposition to a request from the Prime Minister's Office that the NSA suspend proceedings on a case until it was first considered by the Constitutional Tribunal (TK). The NSA ruled that the TK contains judges who were improperly appointed to replace properly appointed judges. The issue in question relates to a 2015 decision of President Andrzej Duda to refuse to swear in three TK judges appointed by the previous government, and replace them with three nominees from the new ruling Law and Justice Party (PiS). Previously, the PiS had overhauled the National Council of the Judiciary (KRS) which is responsible for nominating judges. Various rulings by Polish and European courts have since found the new KRS to be illegitimate based on undue political influence.

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100th Anniversary of the Establishment of Polish Sports Associations

This A-denominated (3.90-zł) postal card is another in a series on this general subject. The imprinted postage on the card shows a wrestling mat and sports shoes, and the left side shows the Polish featherweight wrestler, Kazimierz Lipień (1949-2005), and a silhouette of wrestlers competing. He competed in the 1972, 1976, and 1980 Olympics for Poland, winning 3rd, 1st, and 6th places, respectively. And between 1971 and 1979, he earned 12 medals at the world and European championships, including five gold medals.

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