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## U.S. Postal Service Issuing *Tyrannosaurus Rex* Forever Stamps Aug. 29

**What:** With this pane of 16 stamps, the Postal Service brings *Tyrannosaurus rex* to life — some 66 million years after its demise.

The stamp dedication ceremony is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag **#USPSTRexStamps**.

**Who:** Isaac Cronkhite, chief human resources officer and executive vice president, U.S. Postal Service and dedicating official

Kirk Johnson, director, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Julius Csotonyi, paleoart and scientific illustration, T-Rex stamp artist, and creator and contributor to new Smithsonian Dinosaur exhibit

Matthew Carrano, curator of “Dinosauria,” Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Shawn Yancy, news anchor, WTTG-TV, FOX 5 News, and guest emcee

**When:** Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. EDT

**Where:** Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History  
Baird Auditorium  
10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20560

**RSVP:** Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at [usps.com/trex](https://usps.com/trex).

**Background:** *Tyrannosaurus rex* dominated the tail end of the dinosaur age. A recent surge in discoveries has revolutionized our understanding of the fierce carnivore.

Four dynamic designs on a pane of 16 stamps depict the awe-inspiring dinosaur in growth stages from infancy to adulthood.

One design illustrates a face-to-face encounter with a *T. rex* approaching through a forest clearing; another shows the same young adult *T. rex* with a young *Triceratops* — both dinosaurs shown in fossil form.

The third and fourth stamps depict a newly hatched *T. rex* covered with downy feathers and a bare-skinned juvenile *T. rex* chasing a primitive mammal.

“The Nation’s *T. rex*,” the young adult depicted on two of the stamps, was discovered on federal land in Montana and is one of the most studied and important specimens ever found. Its remains are now exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by scientist and paleoartist Julius T. Csotonyi.

The *Tyrannosaurus Rex* stamps are being issued as Forever stamps. Forever stamps will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through The Postal Store at [usps.com/shop](https://usps.com/shop), by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724), by mail through *USA Philatelic* or at Post Office locations nationwide.

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