

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Sept. 10, 2019

National: Kim Hallums
(O) 202-268-5780
(C) 202-803-1758

kimberly.d.hallums@usps.gov

Local: Xavier Hernandez
(O) 212-330-3657
(C) 202-491-7932

xavier.c.hernandez@usps.gov

usps.com/news



Cats, Bats and Spiders, Oh My!

Spooky Silhouettes Forever Stamps to be Released in Time for Halloween

WHAT: The Postal Service issues four Forever stamps in time for Halloween. The Spooky Silhouettes stamps feature digital illustrations with Halloween motifs rendered as black silhouettes in eerily backlit windows. The images include a cat with an arched back beneath a raven perched on a bare tree branch, all against a yellowish-green background; two ghosts against an orange background; a spider and a web against a red background; and three bats against a purple background.

News of the stamps is being shared with the hashtag **#HalloweenStamps**.

WHO: Marc McCrery, vice president of mail entry and payment technology, U.S. Postal Service

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. EDT

WHERE: Milford Pumpkin Festival
Emerson Park Stage
6 Mont Vernon St.
Milford, NH 03055

RSVP: Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at usps.com/silhouettes.

WHY: As autumn approaches, these new stamps offer fun, frightful scenes that symbolize Halloween. With customs and traditions that vary widely by community, Halloween now inspires parades and carnivals, corn mazes, haunted houses, neighborhood and school parties, pumpkin festivals, and even pumpkin catapulting. Halloween remains a much anticipated celebration of the macabre in the face of approaching winter.

Artist Tyler Lang worked with art director and designer Greg Breeding to create these stamps, which will be available for purchase Oct. 11. Additional details will be provided before the ceremony date.

Postal Products

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through The Postal Store at usps.com/shop, by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724), by mail through *USA Philatelic*, or at Post Office locations nationwide. Forever stamps will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price. A video of the ceremony will be available on facebook.com/usps.

Information on ordering first-day-of-issue postmarks and covers is at usps.com/shop under "Collectors."

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

#

Please Note: For U.S. Postal Service media resources, including broadcast quality video and audio and photo stills, visit the [USPS Newsroom](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), and [LinkedIn](#). Subscribe to the [USPS YouTube Channel](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and enjoy our [Postal Posts blog](#). For more information about the Postal Service, visit usps.com and facts.usps.com.