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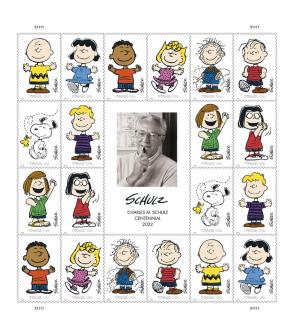












USPS Celebrates Centennial of Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz's Birth With New Forever Stamps

What:

The U.S. Postal Service will celebrate the centennial of the birth of cartoonist Charles M. Schulz with 10 new fun-filled stamps.

In a commemorative mode, characters from his beloved comic strip "Peanuts" adorn the 10 designs on this pane of 20 stamps. They are Charlie Brown, Lucy, Franklin, Sally, Pigpen, Linus, Snoopy (with Woodstock), Schroeder, Peppermint Patty, and Marcie.

The first-day-of-issue event for the Charles M. Schulz Forever stamps is free and open to the public. Share the news of the stamp with the hashtag #CharlesMSchulzStamps.

Who:

Luke Grossmann, USPS finance and strategy senior vice president, will serve as dedicating official

Gina Huntsinger, director, Charles M. Schulz Museum & Research Center

Jean Schulz, board of directors chair, Charles M. Schulz Creative Associates

When: Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, at 12 p.m. PDT

Where: <u>Charles M Schulz Museum & Research Center</u>

2301 Hardies Lane Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP at www.usps.com/charlesmschulz.

RSVP:

Background: The centennial of the birth of cartoonist Charles M. Schulz (1922-2000) brings

new stamps celebrating his wit and wisdom through his unforgettable "Peanuts" characters. The groundbreaking comic became history's most popular and

successful strip.

Debuting in 1950, "Peanuts" garnered hundreds of millions of readers worldwide. Its original cast included Charlie Brown and Snoopy, soon joined by Lucy, Linus

and others. Each character reflects Schulz's rich imagination and great

humanity. Charlie Brown, at the heart of "Peanuts," is often defeated but always resilient. Schulz's resonant stories found humor in life's painful realities including

rejection, insecurity and unrequited love.

In the 1960s, "Peanuts" became a worldwide phenomenon with beloved television specials, books, a Broadway show and countless products. For five decades, Schulz steadfastly wrote, drew, inked and lettered every "Peanuts" strip — nearly 18,000 of them — the last one published the day after he died.

Schulz won many awards during his lifetime. In 2000, he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress.

Postal Products

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