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Special stamp
programme 2019

Plus stamps

Stamps add a decorative touch to our post, are reflections of their times, and can even be used to make a donation to charity. The German Finance Ministry issues around 50 of these little works of art every year. German stamps can be used to do a good deed since 1949. Every year, the German Finance Ministry issues 11 special “plus stamps” which cost a little extra in addition to the postage fee. The extra charge goes to charity. You can immediately tell these stamps are for a good cause by the “plus” symbol featured on each stamp. “Do a good deed – help out with stamps”: The sign guarantees that every cent is well spent and goes straight to the people who depend on our solidarity.

Each stamp indicates what type of charity the proceeds go to – social welfare, youth welfare, sports, environmental protection, or promoting philately. Social welfare stamps were introduced in Germany as early as 1949. German “plus stamps” now generate around €10 million for a good cause every year.

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Special stamp “150th anniversary of Else Lasker Schüler’s birthday”
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Issue date	Stamp	Value**	Issue date	Stamp	Value**	Issue date	Stamp	Value**	Issue date	Stamp	Value**										
2 January	“Treasures of German museums” series: Caspar David Friedrich – The Solitary Tree	145	4 April	“Design made in Germany” series: 100th anniversary of the Bauhaus ☒	70	4 July	“Astrophysics” series: The Rosetta Mission and black hole / quasar	45	10 October	Christmas series: Supports the Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Freien Wohlfahrtspflege e.V.: Church windows	70 + 30										
	“Baby animals” series: Raccoon	90		“Germany’s most beautiful panoramas” series: Rothenburg ob der Tauber	2 x 45		“Microworlds” series: Moonstone	70			“Optical illusions” series: N.N.	70									
	100th anniversary of women’s suffrage ☒	70		150th anniversary of the German Alpine Club	145		50th anniversary of the first moon landing	370			N.N.	90									
	The harbour porpoise: endangered German cetacean	45		100th anniversary of German adult education centres	70		Federal and Land police forces	145			1219 – St. Francis and the sultan	45									
7 February	Series to promote social welfare services ☒ Supports the Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Freien Wohlfahrtspflege e.V.: Grimms’ fairy tales – The Brave Little Tailor	At the workshop	70 + 30	2 May	“Showcasing sports” series: Supports the Stiftung Deutsche Sporthilfe (German Sport Support Foundation): Iconic moments from the Olympic Games	N.N.	70 + 30	1 August	“Showcasing young people” series: Supports the Stiftung Deutsche Jugendmarke e.V. (foundation that uses stamp proceeds to promote youth welfare projects):	Bats	N.N.	N.N.	N.N.	145 + 55	100th anniversary of the Weimar Constitution ☒	70	2 November	“Upstanding advocates of democracy” series: Fritz Bauer	85		
		The giants	85 + 40			N.N.	85 + 40													“Children’s little heroes” series: Beat-Club	90
		The wedding	145 + 55			N.N.	145 + 55														
	“Celestial phenomena” series: Mirage of the Sun	70	“Europe” series: Native birds – Yellowhammer		70	Huldrych Zwingli – the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in Switzerland and southern Germany (joint issue with Switzerland)	150													5 September	“Stamp Day” series: Supports the Stiftung Philatelie und Postgeschichte (Foundation for Philately and Postal History) Stamp collecting
Rainbow fragment	70			250th anniversary of Alexander von Humboldt’s birthday ☒	70			Pippi Longstocking	70												
1 March	100th anniversary of Hannelore Schmidt’s birthday	45	6 June	“Lighthouses” series: Campen lighthouse	70	200th anniversary of Clara Schumann’s birthday	85	50th anniversary of the chip card	85	200th anniversary of Theodor Fontane’s birthday	150										
		100th anniversary of Hamburg University										260	“Microworlds” series: Palladium	85							
		Axel Scheffler: The Gruffalo										70	25th anniversary of the Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland	260							
		Concert hall in Blaibach										145									

☒ = There will also be a commemorative coin on this theme.

** Subject to change.