

Canada Completes Zodiac Series



On February 20 Canada Post issued its 2013 Signs of the Zodiac set, the final installment in a three-year series that began with Aries in the Spring of 2011.

The stamps, each printed in the vivid colors traditionally associated with their respective sky sign, feature a layering of astrological symbolism and a stylized representation of each constellation.

According to Stamp Design Manager Alain Leduc, astrology borrows from myths to explain personality quirks. It made the night sky much less foreboding to our ancient relatives and provided an early means of noting the passing of time and the seasons. It was a way of bringing order to the chaos of the natural and astronomical world.

The signs in this final set, along with descriptions from Canada Post, are:

Sagittarius

Born under the sign of the archer? It's your life's work to seek the truth. Your sign is represented as a centaur—the intellectuals of ancient Roman mythology.

Capricorn

The practical and persistent goat, Capricorn is the most stable and serious sign of the zodiac. But approach with caution—Capricorn's mood swings are legend—which explains why “Capricorn” is the root of “capricious.”

Aquarius

Intelligent and logical, those born under the sign of the water bearer are profoundly independent and their desire to help humanity makes them strong supporters and loyal friends.

Pisces

There's a reason why those who are naive and easily fooled are sometimes called fish. Those born under Pisces are compassionate, kind and easy-going but far too sympathetic for their own good. While they lean toward non-conventional lifestyles, their rebellions are personal; they lack the motivation to battle the establishment.

The Signs of the Zodiac set part 3 were issued in booklets of 10 stamps (one booklet for each sign), panes of 12 (3 of each sign), souvenir sheets of 4 (shown), and a “Gutter product” sheet of 4 (with 6 of each Sign).