

“The Greatest” Remembered on Stamps

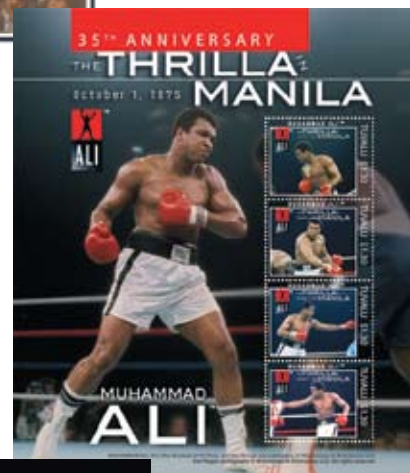
The death of Muhammad Ali on June 3, 2016 brought to an end the life of a man whose standing as one of the greatest boxers of all time was overshadowed by the impact he had outside the ring. Surrounded by controversy, reviled by some because of his beliefs, he also was revered by others and was the recipient of many tributes during his lifetime. Well known for his freestyle rhyiming and his “float like a butterfly” boxing style, in his later years he was silenced by severe Parkinson’s syndrome, attributed to brain damage during his boxing career.

It comes as no surprise that Ali was the subject of many postage stamps, in particular but exclusively, from African nations. With the news of his death we turned to the website of the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation, whose client states include many Third World nations, and have selected this sampling of issues that are still available, from those issued in the 1990s right on up to earlier this year. No doubt there will be memorial issues in the months ahead.

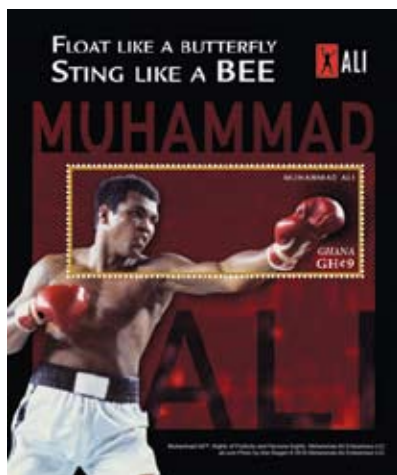
For details on these and other Muhammad Ali issues go to the IGPC website, www.igpc.com or the IGPC section under Postal Administrations on our www.stampnewsnow.com website.



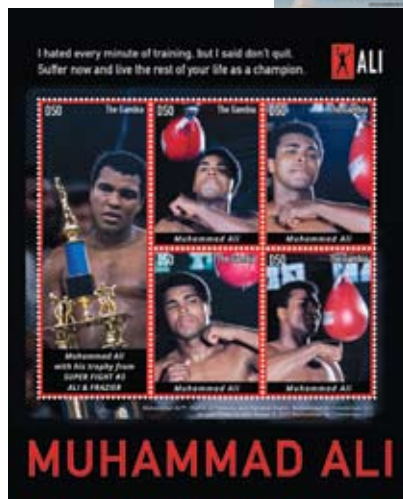
Tanzania, “The Greatest” souvenir sheet, issued July 15, 1994



Tuvalu “Thriller in Manila” sheetlet, issued November 25, 2010



Ghana, “Float Like A Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee” souvenir sheet, issued March 1, 2016



The Gambia, Muhammad Ali sheetlet, issued December 31, 2015