

Catching Up With Liechtenstein's Program

In addition to great automobiles of the past covered by Dave Kent in our November 7, 2014 issue, the collections of the Prince of Liechtenstein also include works of art that were put on display in a set of stamps also issued last November.

In addition to 1,700 paintings with masterpieces from the early Renaissance through to the Austrian Romantic era, and numerous Italian bronze sculptures, the collections are supplemented by important stocks of graphic artwork.

Porcelain is a key component of the art and culture of China, and became a shining example for porcelain-making in Europe and other parts of the world. The new stamps (also shown in color on our front cover) show these four valuable items from the Princely Collections: The "Familie Rose Teller" (value: CHF—Swiss Francs—1.00) was made by an unknown master of the Qing dynasty during Yongzheng's



rule (1722 to 1735); the "Kraak-Kendi" porcelain (value: CHF 1.90), a pot with English silver mounts, dates back to the Wan Li era (1572 to 1620) in the Ming period; an "Imari baluster vase with lid" (value: CHF 2.80); and an "Imari plate with lotus blossoms" (value: CHF 3.60). Both were also made by unknown masters from the Qianlong period (1736 to 1795) of the Qing dynasty.

In addition to the Collections issues, on November 13 Liechtenstein celebrated the 25th Government Jubilee of Prince Hans-Adam II, who assumed the office of Liechtenstein's head of state, after the death of his father Prince Franz Joseph II. The stamp entitled "Prince Hans-Adam II" designed by Hans Peter Gassner.



Following the death of his father 25 years ago, Prince Hans-Adam II assumed the regency. Even before succeeding his father, Prince Hans-Adam II promoted an independent foreign policy for Liechtenstein. Under his leadership Liechtenstein successfully became a member of the United Nations in 1990 and the European Economic Area in 1995.

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