

Batman Surprise Oct. 9



With little more than a week's notice the USPS announced that it was issuing a Batman sheet on October 9. The sheet was issued in honor of Batman's 75th anniversary as the protector of Gotham City, and will feature multiple images of Batman from artistically distinct periods across his comic book history, exhibiting the evolution



of the character over the past seven-and-a-half decades.

First appearing in the comic book *Detective Comics #27*, which hit newsstands March 30, 1939, featuring artwork by Bob Kane and a script by Bill Finger, Batman emerged from the shadows to become the one of the world's most popular Super Hero and dominate media.



In feature films, television shows, radio, video games, publishing and merchandise, this Super Hero has battled some of fiction's greatest villains using his intellect, cunning and an arsenal of gadgets.

The first-day-of-issue dedication ceremony for the Limited Edition Forever Batman Stamp Collection Set took place in "Gotham City," at 10:30 a.m., October 9 at the Javits Center to kick off New York Comic Con 2014.



Showcasing eight unique designs in a pane of 20 Forever stamps, the Batman stamps celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Super Hero. The set includes Batman depicted from the four eras of comic book history as well as the four incarnations of the famed Bat emblem. Shown here in the same order as on the sheet are:

the Modern Age (top row of the sheet), the Bronze Age (second row), the Silver Age (third row), and the Golden Age (bottom row of the sheet).



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