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The Picasso of Jazz and the Little Sparrow together on U.S.-France joint issue June 12

By Jay Bigsby

Although American jazz musician Miles Davis and French composer singer Edith Piaf never performed together, they are presented as a duo on stamps to be issued in the United States and France on June 12.

The two U.S. stamps are self-adhesive (45¢) self-adhesives in a pair of 20. The two French stamps are offered in a pair of 30 with the Miles Davis stamp denominated at the same face value rate of 60.00 and the Edith Piaf stamp at the identical value rate to the United States of 60.00.

The U.S. first-day ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Rubin Museum of Art, 150 W. 17th St., New York, N.Y.

The U.S. Postal Service recalls that mailing of this event is limited, so collectors should arrive early. There is no admission fee.

The French stamps will be issued as part of the Musée de l'histoire de la poste stamp show taking place June 9-12 in Paris.

USPS art director Greg Breeching designed the two stamps using photographs.

The Davis photo was taken by David Gafr in 1970 and was used previously on the cover of Davis' 1971 album *A Tribute to Jack Johnson*. The Piaf photo is from the Michael Ochs Archive.

Innovative trumpeter and jazz musician Davis (1926-91) was also known for his work as a composer.



The United States Miles Davis and Edith Piaf commemorative forever stamps will be issued June 12 in New York City. France will offer two similar stamps in a joint issue.

an arranger, producer and bandleader. Born Miles Dewey Davis III and raised in Alton, Ill., he played with trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie when he was just out of high school. During his early years as a bebop artist, Davis worked with musicians Charlie Parker and John Coltrane, among others.

Davis recorded more than 50 studio albums, including *Kind of Blue* (1959), *Satchmo and Miles* (1960), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1961), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1962), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1963), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1964), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1965), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1966), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1967), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1968), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1969), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1970), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1971), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1972), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1973), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1974), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1975), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1976), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1977), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1978), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1979), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1980), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1981), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1982), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1983), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1984), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1985), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1986), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1987), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1988), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1989), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1990), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1991), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1992), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1993), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1994), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1995), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1996), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1997), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1998), *Miles Davis Quintet* (1999), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2000), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2001), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2002), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2003), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2004), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2005), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2006), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2007), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2008), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2009), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2010), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2011), *Miles Davis Quintet* (2012).

Scouting stamp to be issued at Girl Scout event

By Denise McCarty

The United States Postal Service will issue a Celebrate Scouting stamp June 9 at Rock the Mall, a sing-along commemorating the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of America.

Approximately 200,000 Girl Scouts, friends, family and alumni are expected to participate in this event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The first-day ceremony, which will feature a sing-along led by vice president of global business for the Postal Service Giselle E. Valera, will begin at 12:15 p.m.

The stamp also will be issued nationwide on June 9.

The Postal Service refers to this new forever stamp as a sister stamp to the 44¢ Scouting stamp



The United States Postal Service will issue a Celebrate Scouting forever stamp June 9 in Washington, D.C. and nationwide. The Postal Service calls it a sister stamp to the 2010 44¢ Scouting stamp.

(Scott 4472) issued July 27, 2010, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts

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IF THE DATE ON YOUR LABEL IS JULY 30, 2012 (073012), IT'S TIME TO RENEW

U.S. Stamp Program online

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This is an abridged Linn's 2012 U.S. Stamp Program. The full program was published on page 50 of the May 21 Linn's. Instructions to view the full program online are in the box above. The full program will return.

June 9, Celebrate Scouting. Single non-denominated (45c) commemorative forever stamp; pane of 20; SSP; Washington, D.C.; Linn's Aug. 15, 2011, page 1; Linn's June 11, page 1; USPS item No. 469440 (pane), 469461 (FDC at 89c), 469465 (digital color postmark FDC at \$1.60).

Celebrate Scouting stamp features a Girl Scout on a hike

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of America.

Both stamps feature illustrations by Craig Frazier in the same format with a silhouette in the background with another scene superimposed on it.

The 2010 Scouting stamp shows a silhouette of a Boy Scout with binoculars looking to the left. The other scene is of a Boy Scout hiking.

On the new stamp, the silhouette is of a Girl Scout with binoculars looking to the left. The other scene shows a girl on a summer hike with a walking stick and a backpack.

According to information from the Postal Service, she is hiking in early morning or late evening as indicated by the blue of the sky.

The Postal Service describes her surroundings as including large redwoods, a lake, a forested mountain-side and small ferns.

Neither the 2010 Scouting stamp nor the new stamp mention the Scouting centennials they commemorate.

Other than "Forever" in

the upper left and "USA" in the upper right, the only inscription on the new stamp is "Celebrate Scouting" in two lines across the bottom.

However, in a March 9 press release announcing the stamp, the Postal Service states that it "marks the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts." The Postal Service also notes that the stamp "pays tribute to scouting organizations for the opportunities and pleasures they have provided millions of youths worldwide."

Text on the reverse of the pane of 20 stamps reads: "For more than a century, scouting has helped millions of youths better find their way in the world. Starting with traditional outdoor skills, today's scouts also develop friendships, discover new pastimes, and explore science and technology as they grow into leaders eager to learn what awaits them around the next bend."

The Girl Scouts of America defines its mission as building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a bet-

ter place.

The organization was founded by Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga. From this first meeting with 18 girls, the Girl Scouts of America has grown to a nationwide membership of more than 3.2 million.

Low was commemorated on a 3c stamp issued Oct. 29, 1948 (Scott 974). The stamp shows a portrait of Low and the Girl Scout emblem.

Three additional U.S. stamps have honored the Girl Scouts.

The organization's 50th anniversary was remembered on a 4c stamp issued July 24, 1962 (Scott 1199), and its 75th anniversary on a 22c stamp issued March 12, 1987 (2251). The former stamp depicts a Girl Scout and the flag, and the latter pictures merit badges.

In addition, a 32c stamp in the Celebrate the Century series commemorates the formation of the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts (Scott 3183k). This stamp is in a pane featur-

ing events of the 1910s.

Rock the Mall will take place at the base of the Washington Monument, with the stage located at 17th Street and Constitution Avenue. Preshow ac-

tivities are from 9 a.m. to noon and the main event from noon to 4 p.m.

Technical details for the Celebrate Scouting stamp are provided in the box on this page. ■

Celebrate Scouting nondenominated (45c) forever stamp

FIRST DAY— June 9, 2012; **city**— Washington, D.C., and nationwide.

DESIGN: **artist**— Craig Frazier, Mill Valley, Calif.; **designer, art director and typographer**— Derry Noyes, Washington, D.C.; **modeler**— Donald Woo.

PRINTING: **process**— offset, microprint "USPS"; **printer**— Banknote Corporation of America for Sennett Security Products, Browns Summit, N.C.; **processor**— Sennett Security Products Finishing, Fredericksburg, Va.; **press**— Man Roland 300; **inks**— blue, black, Pantone Matching System 1235 yellow, 7551 gold, 5763 green, 485 red; **paper**— phosphor tagged overall; **gum**— self-adhesive; **issue quantity**— 40 million stamps; **format**— pane of 20 from 180-subject cylinders; **size**— 0.84 inches by 1.42 inches (image); 0.98 inches by 1.56 inches (overall); 5.88 inches by 7.15 inches (full pane); **plate numbers**— "S" followed by six single digits; **marginal markings**— plate number in bottom corners (stamp side); "©2011 USPS," USPS logo, plate position diagram, bar code 469400, verso text, promotional text (back side); **USPS item No.**— 469400.

First-day cancel ordering information

Standard ordering instructions apply. Collectors requesting first-day cancels are encouraged to purchase their own stamps and affix them to envelopes. The first-day cover envelopes should be addressed for return (a removable label may be used), and mailed in a larger envelope addressed to Celebrate Scouting Stamp, Special Cancellations, Box 92282, Washington, D.C. 20090-2282. Requests for first-day cancels must be postmarked by Aug. 9.

The Postal Service's uncacheted first-day cover is item No. 469461 at 89c. USPS order numbers for stamps and FDCs also appear in Linn's 2012 U.S. Stamp Program. To see the latest program, check the information box on page 4.