



Press Release of the Salzburg Festival 2020

Special-Issue Silver Coin and Stamp Commemorating the Salzburg Festival's Centenary

(SF, 21 January 2020) A violin and masks symbolizing music and the performing arts decorate the silver coin and stamp issued in commemoration of the Salzburg Festival's centenary. A stylized dove of peace emphasizing the character of the festival as a peace project rounds out the graphic design by Helmut Andexlinger. The coin and stamp were ceremoniously presented today by Festival President Helga Rabl-Stadler, Gerhard Starsich, Director General of the Austrian Mint, Münze Österreich AG, and Stefan Nemeth, Director of Product Management and E-Business Branches of the Austrian Postal Service, Österreichische Post AG.

"The Salzburg Festival is pleased that two other great Austrian institutions, the Austrian Mint and Postal Service, have designed their anniversary editions with such imagination and joy. The silver coin and the special-issue stamp have great value as souvenirs, and we hear that interest from buyers is enormous," says Festival President **Helga Rabl-Stadler**.

"The Salzburg Festival is a beacon of innovation, but also of self-reflection, just as its founding fathers imagined it, and we wished to pay homage to the Festival with an innovative coin," says Director General **Gerhard Starsich**.

"For one hundred years, it has been the cultural highlight of the summer in Austria and, measured by its international resonance, also around the world: the Salzburg Festival. The Austrian Postal Service is delighted to issue a special stamp on this occasion, adding our congratulations," says **Stefan Nemeth**, Director of Product Management & E-Business Branches, Österreichische Post AG.

The special edition which the Postal Service is issuing with a nominal value of 2,70 Euro and a total print-run of 180,000 will be available at all branches, via the online shop www.post.at/onlineshop and the Collectors' Service of the Austrian Postal Service (Phone: +43 577 67 – 95095; Email: sammler-service@post.at).

The coin's obverse is marked by a concave edge bearing a radial structure. The inner section shows two masks representing the two basic forms of theatre: the mask on the left is highly stylized and represents tragedy; the mask on the right embodies comedy. The reverse side of the coin is marked by a convex edge and a flat interior. Some sections are printed with red colour. It shows stylized masks, a section of a violin and, on the right side of the coin, a dove of peace bearing an olive branch in its beak. The silver coin "Salzburg Festival Centenary" with a nominal value of 20 Euros has a silver content of 2/3 ounce (20.74 g) and is issued exclusively in the minting quality "proof". The coin may be purchased at banks, post office branches, Dorotheum shops, at the Musikverein and via Münze Österreich AG. The coin is legal tender in Austria. www.muenzeoesterreich.at.



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