Reykjavík, December 22nd, 1962

NEW POSTAGE STAMP ISSUE

Centenary of the National Museum of Iceland.

Date of issue: February 20th, 1963.
Denominations: kr. 4.00
                kr. 5.50.
Colours: Brown/green.
Size: 26x36 mm.
Sheet Composition: 50 stamps per sheet.
Quantity issued: Undetermined.
Printing House: Courvoisier S/A, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland.

The National Museum of Iceland (Þjóðminjasafn Islands) was founded on
February 24th, 1863.

Sigurður Guðmundsson, painter and scholar, was the first curator of the
museum and fought unselfishly for its cause till his untimely death in 1874. He
was a man of unusual talents and his great devotion for the cultural heritage of
his people and his firm belief in its future possibilities had a lasting influence
on the young generation of his time. The 4.00 kr. stamp represents a painting of
him made by himself.

On the 5.50 kr. stamp is shown a detail from the carving on the church door
from Valthjófsstað: "le chevalier au lion" slays the dragon. Purely Romanesque
in form and composition the carving is the most outstanding work of art preserved
in Iceland from the period about 1200. The door is now in the possession of the
National Museum of Iceland.

Orders for First Day Covers and stamps which are to be delivered on the
day of issue must be received and paid before February 1st, 1963.

NOTE:
Checks not issued by a bank, Icelandic currency or stamps are not accepted
as payment for foreign orders.

Official First Day Covers will be available at an extra charge of 2 kr. but plain envelopes are sold at 1 kr.
If customers sends his own First Day Covers to be
furnished with stamps and First Day post-mark, a special fee of 50 aurar for each cover, beyond the first five, will
be claimed for such service.
Same fee is claimed for application of addresses to
all First Day Covers beyond the first five.
The amount can also be paid to the account of:
"Direction générale des postes et des télégraphes d'Islande" at the following banks:

Post giro account no. 4112, Stockholm.
Post giro account no. 24977, Köbenhavn.
Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 140 Broadway, New York.
Hambros Bank Limited, Bishopsgate 41, London.
Bergens Privatbank, Kirkegataen 23, Oslo.
Skandinaviska Banken, Stockholm 16.
Privatbanken A/S, Børsgade 4, Köbenhavn.
deutsche Bank A/G, Adolphsplatz 7, Hamburg 11.

The rate of exchange is at present:

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Respectfully.

Direction Générale des Postes
et des Télégraphes

FRIMERKJASALAN