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HOUSE OF MUSIC HUNGARY



Magyar Posta is issuing a souvenir sheet in honour of the House of Music Hungary. Fifty thousand copies of the black numbered perforated souvenir sheets and 4,000 copies of the red numbered imperforated souvenir sheets designed by the graphic artist György Kara were produced by ANY Security Printing Company. The new issue goes on sale at Filaposta, philately specialist services, certain post offices and www.posta.hu from 23 January 2023.

The House of Music Hungary was built in Budapest's City Park based on the design of the Japanese architect Sou Fujimoto. Construction began in September 2018 and the House opened to the public on 22 January 2022. The building's intriguing feature is the harmonious coexistence of the built and the natural environment, creating a space for music and nature to come together.

The House of Music Hungary has a threefold structure, both in terms of the building and the institution's organisation. The underground space houses a permanent and a temporary exhibition area covering over 2,000 square metres. Two indoor halls at the level of the surrounding park are venues for live music events, concerts and workshops, while outside there is a garden area by the lake for enjoying concerts and performances at the outdoor stage while having conversations with friends. On the first floor of the building, a library and club provide a space for reflection, study and education. The music education rooms offer sessions to bring young people closer to music.

The building won the Best Public Building in Europe and the Best International Public Building awards in 2019, and in 2020 received the title "the world's best property development for music" at the Music Cities Awards. Due to its distinctive design and extravagant yet close-to-nature atmosphere, many professional forums consider it an architectural or artistic attraction.

The souvenir sheet shows part of the interior and an outdoor view of the House of Music Hungary. The first day cover features the House of Music Hungary seen from above. The imprint of the special postmark on the first day cover is a stylised drawing of the building seen from above.

Order code:

2023030030011 (souvenir sheet) 2023030060012 (FDC) 2023031030011 (imperforated souvenir sheet)

Issued on: 23 January 2023

Face value: HUF 950 (On the date of issue, this can be used as a supplementary denomination.)

Printing technique: 4-colour offset

Number of copies:

50,000 perforated souvenir sheets (with black numbering) and 4,000 imperforated souvenir sheets (with red numbering)

Perforated stamp size: circular, 37 mm diameter

External imperforated size of souvenir sheet: 95 x 70 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by ANY Biztonsági Nyomda Nyrt. (souvenir sheet), Codex Zrt. (FDC)

Source: House of Music Hungary

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