

## Prince of Monaco's Collection in Washington 2006 Court of Honor

Washington 2006 has received formal notification that selected items from the philatelic collection of His Serene Highness the Prince of Monaco, Albert II, will appear in the Court of Honor at the invitation of the exhibition. A communication dated February 7 from the Commission Consultative des Collections et Numismatique de S.A.S. le Prince de Monaco signed by C. Palmero, President of the Commission, confirmed that the exhibit would be at Washington 2006.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the wedding of the late Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace, parents of the current Prince Albert II. In honor of the occasion, much of the exhibit will focus on philatelic issues of the Royal Couple and their children.

On display, as currently planned, will be 8 frames of material (128 pages), consisting of:  
3 frames of early Monaco postal history covering early markings, the 1885 first issues of the Principality, and the Sardinian and French periods;  
1 frame covering the New York International exhibition of 1956;  
1 frame on the Royal Marriage of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace;  
1 frame of the 1956 and 1966 Royal Couples issues;  
1 frame on the 1993 joint US/Monaco issue commemorating Grace Kelly; and 1 frame on the 1966 and 2004 Monaco issues on Princess Grace and her children.

Michel Granero, Secretary General of the Commission, will accompany the exhibit and personally supervise its mounting and dismounting.

Monaco is only 481 acres (.76 square miles) in size, about that of New York City's Central Park, and has a population of 32,000. Besides their philatelic holdings, the Grimaldi family has well known collections of numismatic items, antique cars, and Napoleonic objects, each housed in its own museum.

His Serene Highness Prince Albert Alexandre Louis Pierre, Prince of Monaco, Marquis de Baux, was born on March 14th, 1958. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in political science from Amherst College in Massachusetts in 1981 and ascended the throne on the death of his father on April 6, 2005. The Prince has been a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1985. He has been President of the Monegasque delegation to the United Nations since 1993.

The Washington 2006 Committee is very pleased to present this selection from the Prince's Collection. The Washington 2006 world philatelic exhibition takes place May 27-June 3 at the Washington, DC Convention Center. Full details about the show can be found online at <http://www.washington-2006.org>.

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Washington 2006, the world philatelic exhibition scheduled for May 27-June 3 at the Washington, DC Convention Center, announces the release of its 14th Member Update newsletter. The show opens in less than 85 days.

Volunteers continue to be sought for all aspects of show operations before, during and at the conclusion of the exhibition. Sign up online or write for a volunteer form. For those interested but do not know their schedule, feel free to visit the Volunteer Booth and make your availability known on your arrival.

Philatelic gems from the Prince of Monaco's Collection will appear in the Court of Honor. Featured items span the philatelic history of the principality, with emphasis on issues depicting the late Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace in honor of what would have been their 50th wedding anniversary in 2006.

The majority of discounted rooms for Washington 2006 attendees at seven hotels near the Convention Center have now been reserved. Two additional facilities have been added. The Embassy Suites Hotel is

two blocks away from the show and offers rates of \$169 per night single/\$189 double. The Hotel Washington is located on Pennsylvania Avenue close to the White House. Rates are still being negotiated at press time. Full details will appear on the W2006 web site when available and can be only be reserved at the discounted price through the online service.

Pre-registrants may pick up their badges and ticket packets as early as Friday, May 26, the day before the show opens, between 8:30 AM and 6 PM. Doing so will avoid the long lines expected on Saturday.

The Cachet Makers Bourse takes place Friday, June 2, from 1 PM-5 PM. Interested dealers should contact Foster Miller by email at [fmiller@pobox.com](mailto:fmiller@pobox.com) as soon as possible, as space is limited.

Washington 2006 will host the Eagle Theater, a venture made possible through the generosity of Bowe Bell + Howell, Elsag, Lockheed Martin, Siemens, and other corporations participating in the International Conference on Postal Automation, taking place during W2006. The theater will present short and long titles dealing with products and services of interest to the postal establishment and general public alike. For example, USPS Engineering is producing, "The Adventure of the Letter," a film demonstrating what it takes to get a letter to its recipient. "Coming Attraction" posters surrounding the theater will explain what to expect in the continuing saga of automating postal services worldwide.

Other items in the Update include articles on Flashback illustrations about the 1918 Inverted Jenny to appear during May in the Washington Post; the first day ceremony schedule; three members of the W2006 team who were volunteers during the 1966 SIPEX international; other Convention Center events and cultural activities taking place in DC during W2006; the promotion of the show by the Philippine ambassador; and much more.

The exhibition's main URL is <http://www.washington-2006.org> where complete information about the every aspect of the show can be found. The Update can be viewed online and downloaded in two formats at these links:

<http://www.washington-2006.org/memberupdates/update14.doc>

<http://www.washington-2006.org/memberupdates/update14.pdf>

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