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Open Exhibition Prospectus for the Spring 2004 Postage Stamp Mega-Event

A World Series of Philately Show
to be held at
Madison Square Garden
March 4-7, 2004

sponsored by
**American Stamp Dealers Association
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RULES and REGULATIONS

1. This exhibition is open to all collectors regardless of philatelic affiliation who conform to the rules in this prospectus. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a previous New York Mega-Event, the APS Champion of Champions, an international grand prix, or three international large gold medals are ineligible to compete. All material exhibited must be owned by the person(s) whose name(s) appears on the official entry form. Exhibits with dual ownership are eligible for only the display class unless the two individuals are husband and wife or parent and child.
2. An entry form for each exhibit, along with the entry fee payable by check, Visa or Mastercard, must be mailed to the American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803, to arrive by February 6, 2004. No entry fee will be refunded at the request of the exhibitor after this date. An exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit provided an entry form is submitted for each entry. Entries will be reviewed and notification of acceptance will be made after the deadline for accepting entries. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit. All fees paid will be refunded in case of non-acceptance.
3. Exhibits may be entered in any of four classes: General, Single Frame, Youth and Noncompetitive and any of the six divisions (charity/promotion/cinderella, display, illustrated mail, postal, revenue, and thematic). No exhibit may be larger than 10 frames. The exhibits will be judged by APS-accredited judges, whose decision will be final. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits.
4. General and youth class exhibits will be judged based on five levels of awards. A Grand Award and a Reserve Grand Award will be given to the best exhibits. Appropriate special awards will also be presented. The Grand Award winner is expected to enter the winning exhibit in the next World Series of Philately, competing for the Champion of Champions award at STAMPSHOW 2004 in Sacramento, California.
5. Collectors who have not reached their twenty-second birthday as of April 3, 2003, may exhibit, at their option, in the Youth Section. Youth exhibits are restricted to five frames and will be charged \$5.00 per frame.
6. Each single frame exhibit will be judged using standards developed by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. These are available on the APS web site at http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir_ExhibitionForms.htm or on request from the APS. Single frame exhibits will be judged based on six levels of awards.
7. Each frame measures 36"x48" and is divided into four rows. Each frame will hold 16 pages 9"x12". Slightly wider pages can be accommodated with some overlapping. Each album page must be inserted into a transparent protective sleeve, envelope or covering and should bear progressive numbers, preferably on the reverse side, to indicate the order in which the pages are to be mounted. The APS Director of Shows and Exhibitions should be consulted regarding any exhibits with large or odd-sized pages that will not be mounted and dismounted by the owner or a designated agent. Consultation should occur before an entry form is submitted for consideration.
8. All exhibitors should submit nine copies (not more than two pages) of a summary/synopsis and/or title page with a plan, to be distributed to the jury to assist them in preparation for evaluation of the exhibit.
9. Personally delivered exhibits will be accepted at the exhibition area inside Madison Square Garden, 7th Avenue between 31st and 33rd Streets, New York, NY, between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on March 3, 2004.
10. Exhibitors who do not intend to deliver their exhibits in person to the exhibition site will be provided shipping instructions with notification of acceptance of their exhibit.
11. No exhibit will be removed from the frames until the exhibit area is cleared of all visitors after the close of the exhibition on Sunday, March 7, 2004. Exhibitors will be assisted in dismounting their exhibits. No travel plans should be made which require leaving with your exhibit prior to 5:30 p.m.
12. Exhibits mailed to Postage Stamp Mega Event must be forwarded prepaid. All exhibits to be returned by mail must include prepayment for the return of the exhibit with the entry fee. If no instructions are provided for the return of an exhibit it will be returned by Express Mail.
13. Owners must provide their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits. However, no responsibility may be attached to the American Philatelic Society, American Stamp Dealers Association, United States Postal Service, or Madison Square Garden, including their officers, members or employees, for any loss whatsoever.