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Charge for Christmas with Åland Christmas stamps

10 October sees the issue of two Christmas stamps from Åland Post. Designed by Swedish illustrator Maja Lindberg, the stamps show charming Christmas elves preparing for the season.

This year, Swedish artist Maja Lindberg makes her debut as stamp artist for Åland Post. She has also illustrated this year’s Christmas seals that complement the two Christmas stamps. Maja pondered for some time before she thought of a suitable theme but, having decided on the Christmas elves, it didn’t take her long to create the motifs.

“I wanted to create a sense of Christmas in my illustrations; a wintry scenery under a starry bright sky and tiny Christmas elves preparing for Christmas.”

The No Value Indicator stamp “Julpost” is primarily used for posting Christmas greetings from Åland to destinations in Finland and Sweden during a limited period prior to Christmas. The value of the NVI stamp “Världen” is the equivalent of the postage for priority mail up to 20 gram from Åland to the rest of the world. The Christmas stamps may, of course, be used all the year according to the current postage tariffs. When the tariffs increase, so does the denominational value of these NVI stamps.

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Artist Maja Lindberg
Editions 200 000 & 140 000
Denominations Julpost (€0.70) Världen (€1.30)
Price FDC €2.70
Stamp sizes 35.4 x 26 mm
Sheet sizes 2 x 20 stamps
Paper 110 g/m2
Perforation 13 per 2 cm
Printing method 4-colour offset + PMS Silver
Printing house Cartor Security Printing

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