

Croatian Modern Art

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On December 1, 2009 Croatia Post issued a three stamp set featuring Croatian Modern Paintings. Stamps are denominated 1,80 kn and were designed by Danijel Popović.

The first stamp features the oil on canvass “Grey Sail” by Zlatko Prica (1916 – 2003). Painted in 1986 “Grey Sail” is from Prica’s “Tar Cycle”, the painting is currently in a private collection.



Prica was born in Hungary and immigrated to Croatia with his parents in 1922. He attended the Academy of Fine Arts in Zagreb. A year after he graduated he was imprisoned Ustasha (Croatian Revolutionary Movement). After his release he joined with the Yugoslav partisans. After the war he travelled to Paris, Brazil and India. His work was influenced by these journeys. Prica was an award winner painter and exhibited his work all over Europe.

Featured next is Ordan Petlevski's (1930 -1997) “Flora” completed in 1961. The oil on canvass is in the Modern Gallery located in Zagreb.



A Graduate from the Academy of Applied Arts in Zagreb, Petlevski was an excellent graphic artist and painter. Known for his abstract work, he was also a book illustrator. The Macedonian born painter won numerous awards for his work.

The last stamp in the set showcases Nives Kavurić Kurtović's (1938) "A Bossom Full of Wind". Completed in 1999 it is an oil on canvass and is currently in a private collection.



Kurtović a native of Zagreb, is known for her surrealist paintings and skill as a graphic designer. A member of the Croatian Academy of Arts and Science she is a lecturer at the Academy of Fine Arts from where she graduated in 1962. With the exception of Australia she has exhibited her work on every continent and has won awards for it nationally and internationally.

The stamps are perforated 14 and were offset printed by Zrinski. 100,000 copies of each stamp were printed.

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