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Angels in stained glass on Christmas stamps

Canada's 1986 Christmas stamps, issued by Canada Post Corporation on October 29, feature angels done in the style and hues of stained glass.

Symbolizing the participation of angels in the Christmas story, three vertical stamps — a 34-cent stamp for Canadian mail, a 39-cent stamp for US mail and a 68-cent stamp for all other international mail — together form the left, centre and right panels of a triptych, a three-pannelled format traditionally used for religious art. The fourth stamp, designed for the special postage rate for domestic greeting cards during the holiday season, features a carol-singing angel. The stamps were created by Toronto graphic artist Theo Dimson ■

