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FOR YOUTH 2011: BUDAPEST'S CITY PARK



Every year Magyar Posta releases special For Youth stamps with a surcharge to support stamp collecting by young people. In 2011 the sights of Budapest's City Park provide the subject for the stamp.

Budapest's City Park is in the capital's District XIV and was built for the city's celebrations of the millennium of the Conquest of Hungary. This was when the lake in the City Park was regulated, two channels of the Páva Island were filled in and the Rákos Stream was led into the lake. The City Park Boulevard was made, and Vajdahunyad Castle and Heroes' Square were built. Although constructed at the time of the 1896 Budapest world exposition, many entertainment and cultural facilities were added which have been in use to the present day. Behind Heroes' Square are the Ice Rink, Boating Lake and Vajdahunyad Castle, home to the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture. A boulevard skirts the lake, on which the Budapest Zoo and Botanical Garden lies with a splendid range of flora and fauna. Here Budapest's thermal baths with the deepest borehole and hottest water, the Széchenyi Baths, can be

found. Opposite the Baths is the round building of the Budapest Grand Circus, where the first performance was held in 1891. Next to the Circus is the Funfair, which has been operating in its present form since 1950 but its history dates back to the early 1800s. (Source: budapest.com * hu.wikipedia.org)

The stamp designs of the miniature sheet show the well-known sights of the City Park in a characteristic graphic composition, which are in the order of the stamps the Budapest Zoo and Botanical Garden, the Funfair, Vajdahunyad Castle, the Ice Rink and the Boating Lake. The second and fourth stamps in the miniature sheet contain a surcharge. Magyar Posta devotes the proceeds from the surcharge to supporting youth stamp collecting. *The amount of the surcharge may not be used to pay for postage.* The silhouette of the building of the Széchenyi Baths appears on the first day cover for the miniature sheet and the design of the special postmark employs a stylised picture of balloons.

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