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## New stamps showcase 'renaissance of contemporary UK architecture'

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The Royal Mail has launched a new set of stamps to celebrate 10 iconic buildings that epitomise the recent 'renaissance of contemporary architecture'

The collection, which goes on sale today, features a host of RIBA Stirling Prize winners and finalists, including Haworth Tompkins' Everyman Theatre in Liverpool, the Scottish Parliament by Enric Miralles and Benedetta Tagliabue (EMBT) and Daniel Libeskind's Imperial War Museum North.

According to the Royal Mail, the special stamps 'capture the distinctive lines and shapes' of public buildings that are now regarded as famous landmarks.

A spokesperson said: 'A great many of these adventurous and innovative structures, serving culture, sport, government and business, have since become popular and integral parts of their local landscapes, often playing a part in regeneration.'

'Some were initiated by central government, some by civic leaders of major cities, and others were the ideas of passionate individuals.'

The Royal Mail said the stamps' issue coincided with a 'renewal of confidence in British architecture led by world-famous architects including Zaha Hadid, Richard Rogers and Norman Foster, along with a host of other talents'.

Royal Mail stamp strategy manager Philip Parker said: 'These new stamps celebrate visionary buildings which combine stunning architecture with great engineering.'