

ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2022, MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT CELEBRATED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SCHEDULED FLIGHT WITH A SPECIAL STAMP CANCELLATION FROM POSTE ITALIANE



Bergamo, 21 March 2022 - SACBO celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the first civil flight to take off from Milan Bergamo Airport, headed for Rome Ciampino, with a special stamp cancellation from Poste Italiane. Monday 21 March 2022, from 8.30 a.m. until 6.30 p.m., alongside the sculpture “Il Caravaggio” by Giacomo Manzù in front of terminal door 3, saw the setting up of a dedicated stamp stand offering the cancellation with a stamp created for the occasion.

The stamping ceremony took place at the terminal entrance in the area in front of the sculpture “Il Caravaggio” by Giacomo Manzù, in the presence of the President of SACBO, Giovanni Sanga, Rosa D’Amico, the Director of the Bergamo 1 branch, Annamaria Gallo, the Philately Representative for the North-West Macro Area and Giusy Montanino, the Philately Representative for the province of Bergamo and Sondrio.

The cancellation, produced in a round format, surrounded by the legend 50th Anniversary of the First Scheduled Flight and the text “Milan Bergamo Airport”, shows the two dates 2022-1972 and the text BGYFLY mirrored, with the image of two aircraft flying in opposite directions, representing take-off and landing.

For the occasion, SACBO has created a special edition postcard in collaboration with Poste Italiane which carries the text: “Flying the world for 50 years” and a photograph of the runway with an aircraft taking off, taken by Kamal Haroui.

From 21 March onwards, the stamp will be available for the next one hundred and twenty days, from the philately counter in the Bergamo Central Post Office in Via Locatelli, 11, and will then be shown at the Historical Museum of Communication in Rome, becoming part of the historical postal collection.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first scheduled flight from Milan Bergamo Airport, SACBO has produced a documentary film that will be presented during an event at the Teatro Donizetti in Bergamo, in the presence of the highest authorities and of three passengers who were on the flight that took off on 21 March 1972 for Rome Ciampino. Other figures from the period include the motorcycling champion Giacomo Agostini and the Olympic athlete Vincenzo Guerini. The actor Giorgio Pasotti will be reading an account of the day, and the pianist Giovanni Allevi will be providing the music.

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