

Frederick artist creates postage stamp series honoring girl groups

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Frederick artist Yemi was recognized at a Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Museum ceremony last week in Cleveland for the design of the Supremes Postage Stamps and 11 other group stamps from "The Legendary Girl Groups" collection of the '50s and '60s.

Mary Wilson, founding member of the Supremes said, "I met a very talented stamp and graphic artist named Yemi and worked with him to create a unified design concept using original girl group photos. The design tied all of the stamp issues of the girl groups from five nations into one collection."

"This, to me, is one of the most gratifying projects I have ever worked on. Not only is it supporting both a historic and philanthropic purpose, but also it has given me the opportunity to personally work with Mary Wilson of the Supremes. She is a very special person and talented musician," said Yemi.

Peg Davison, member of the Angels and best known for "My Boyfriend's Back," a No. 1 song in 1963, was pleased with the stamps.

"They looked so good I thought they were computer-generated art. It is really weird and thrilling to see your face on a postage stamp - it's something special," she said.

The Girl Group stamps may be obtained through Mary Wilson Enterprises Inc., at www.marywilson.com. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of stamps will benefit the family of the late founding member of the original Supremes, Florence Ballard.



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Mary Wilson (left), Supremes founding member, recognizes Frederick artist Yemi for his work on creating a postage stamp series for legendary girl groups. The stamps are shown in the background.