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Welcome the Year of the Horse!



HONORING THE HORSE. People watch a Lunar New Year dragon parade during Lantern Festival celebrations at Aojiang town in Wenzhou, in eastern China's Zhejiang province, in this file photo. January 31, 2014 marks the beginning of the Year of the Horse. People born in the Year of the Horse are known for their energy, enthusiasm, confidence, and independence and are considered strong, agile free spirits. The Asian Reporter's special section in celebration of the Lunar New Year begins on page 9. (AP Photo, File)



2014 Year of the Horse forever stamp. (Photo courtesy of the United States Postal Service)

USPS releases stamp celebrating the Year of the Horse

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has released a new forever stamp commemorating the Lunar New Year.

The 2014 stamp, the seventh of the Celebrating Lunar New Year series, recognizes the Year of the Horse. The stamp art depicts Chinese drums with drumsticks painted red for luck. A horse appears in the upper left corner of the

stamp. The stamp was designed by Kam Mak, an artist who grew up in New York City's Chinatown.

"What a great way to start the New Year," said Mak, a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, at a dedication event for the stamp held last week at the Chinese Culture Center inside the Hilton San Francisco Financial District

Hotel. "The sounds of the Chinese drums have uplifted my spirit since I was a small child growing up in Hong Kong. I love the rhythm it creates for the lion dance and enjoy seeing and hearing percussion performances by drummers using this traditional Chinese drum to usher in the Lunar New Year."

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