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**R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP
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WASHINGTON – A commemorative postage stamp honoring the legendary American inventor, architect, engineer, designer, geometrician, cartographer and philosopher R. Buckminster Fuller was issued today – on his birthday – at Stanford University, where his papers are archived.

“Fuller had a special gift – he had vision. He could see the bigger picture. He could look at a problem and develop a practical solution,” said Anita Bizzotto, senior vice president and chief marketing officer, U.S. Postal Service, who dedicated the stamp. “Buckminster Fuller was actually the heir to a legacy of American innovation and American innovators that stretches back more than 200 years.”



Fuller's daughter – Allegra Fuller Snyder – is professor emerita, Dance and Dance Ethnology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and was one of a stellar group who joined Bizzotto for the ceremony. Others participating included Dr. Buzz Aldrin, astronaut, Gemini 12 and Apollo 11; Michael A. Keller, university librarian, Stanford University; Joshua Arnow, president, board of directors, The Buckminster Fuller Institute; Carolyn Johnson, reporter/anchor, KGO-TV ABC; and Scott Tucker, district manager, San Francisco District, U.S. Postal Service.

The stamp artwork is a painting of Fuller by Boris Artzybasheff (1899-1965). The painting, which originally appeared on the cover of Time magazine on Jan. 10, 1964, depicts Fuller's head in the pattern of a geodesic dome. Geodesic domes and a number of his other inventions surround Fuller, including the Dymaxion Car, the 4D Apartment House and several objects and models that reflect the geometric and structural principles he discovered.

To see the R. Buckminster Fuller stamp and other images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on “Release Schedule” in the Collector’s Corner.

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