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1899-1909

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC-30

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1899-1909

Graphic Materials

SC-30 Box 1 (Binder)

Language

Russian .

Abstract

The collection consists of 12 postcards illustrated by Russian Art Nouveau artist Ivan Bilibin between 1899-1909 depicting scenes from traditional Russian folktales.

Creator

Bilibin, Ivan IĀkovlevich, 1876-1942

Extent

0.1 Linear Feet 1 box; 12 items

Repository

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

The postcards have been placed in protective sleeves for preservation purposes.

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Biographical / Historical

Russian Art Nouveau artist Ivan Yakovlevich Bilibin (1876-1942) was born near St. Petersburg and gained popularity in the early 20th century due to his illustrations of Russian folktales. The postcards in the collection reflect Bilibin's early interest in depicting folklore in his artwork. As his career progressed, Bilibin illustrated books, drew landscapes, and created sets and costumes for theater productions. In 1942, Bilibin died during the Siege of Leningrad.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 12 postcards illustrated by Russian Art Nouveau artist Ivan Bilibin between 1899-1909 depicting scenes from traditional Russian folktales. All 12 postcards are blank. 8 of the postcards were issued by the Publishing House of the Red Cross Society of St. Eugenia. Dialogue and narration of the illustrations are written in Russian. Each item includes an English translation.

Related Materials

The Trousoff Collection in Dickinson College's Archives and Special Collections contains materials related to Russian folklore and postcards.

Keywords

Fairy tales -- Russia.

Related Materials - VMFA Library: Books

Russian fairy tales, 2013

Russian legends : folk tales and fairy tales, 2007

Russian art nouveau : the world of art and Diaghilev's painters : painting, graphic art, theatrical design 1997

Ivan Bilibin, 1982

Custodial History

The collection was purchased by the VMFA Library in 2017.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in chronological and alphabetical order. Items without dates appear at the end of the collection.

Description of Subordinate Components

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

Unit ID SC30.01.3.001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69852

Unit Date 1899

English Translation - Front

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

[signed I. Bilibin 1899]

English Translation - Back

The World Postal Union. Russia. Union Postale Universelle. Russie.

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

Allowed by the censor, SPB, 23 November 1902

A publication of the Department for the Production of State Documents

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

Unit ID SC30.01.3.002

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69853

Unit Date 1899

English Translation - Front

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

[signed I. Bilibin 1899]

English Translation - Back

The World Postal Union. Russia. Union Postale Universelle. Russie.

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

Allowed by the censor, SPB, 23 November 1902

A publication of the Department for the Production of State Documents

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

Unit ID SC30.01.3.004

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69855

Unit Date 1899

English Translation - Front

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

[signed I. Bilibin 1899]

English Translation - Back

The World Postal Union. Russia. Union Postale Universelle. Russie.

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

A publication of the Department for the Production of State Documents

Alyosha Popovich

Unit ID SC30.01.1.005

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69848

Unit Date 1902

English Translation - Front

Even though I, Alyosha, have given away everything,

I have a strong horse!

I. Bilibin 1902

Alyosha Popovich

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

In partnership with R. Golike and A. Vilborg

Churilo Plenkovich

Unit ID SC30.01.1.004

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69847

Unit Date 1902

English Translation - Front

Churilo Plenkovich

I. Bilibin 1902

Through the streets goes Churilo

As all the people stare in wonder

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

In partnership with R. Golike and A. Vilborg

Dobrynya Nikitich

Unit ID SC30.01.1.006

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69849

Unit Date 1902

English Translation - Front

Dobrynya Nikitich

And from the east

down to the west

Around Dobrynya

Flowed the dragon's blood

[signed I. Bilibin, date may be 1902]

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

In partnership with R. Golike and A. Vilborg

Mikhailo Potyk

Unit ID SC30.01.1.002

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69845

Unit Date 1902

English Translation - Front

Mikhailo Potyk

Do not kill me, swan,

But marry me instead

I. Bilibin 1902

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

In partnership with R. Golike and A. Vilborg

Sadko

Unit ID SC30.01.2.001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69850

Unit Date 1903

English Translation - Front

Sadko,

All Hail, great and liberal Novgorod!

I. Bilibin 1903

Lithographer: A. Il'in

Allowed by the censor, SPB, 29 January 1904

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

Volga

Unit ID SC30.01.2.002

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69851

Unit Date 1903

English Translation - Front

I. B. 1903

Volga

The brave youths ride into the open field

They ride all day, from morning until evening

Lithographed by A. Navin

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

Ilya Muromets

Unit ID SC30.01.1.001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69844

Unit Date 1909

English Translation - Front

Ilya Muromets

[illegible]

I. Bilibin 1909

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

In partnership with R. Golike and A. Vilborg

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

Unit ID SC30.01.3.003

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69854

Unit Date undated

English Translation - Front

The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich, the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

[signed I. Bilibin]

[The stone in the picture is not really legible, but it will be the stone marker from the story, situated at a three-way split in the road, that says taking one road will lead to death, the next will lead to one's horse being killed, and the third will lead to cold and hunger.]

English Translation - Back

The World Postal Union. Russia. Union Postale Universelle. Russie.

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

Allowed by the censor, SPB, 23 November 1902

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Vladimir, the Beautiful Sun

Unit ID SC30.01.1.003

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69846

Unit Date undated

English Translation - Front

I. Bilibin

In the old capital city of Kiev,

Vladimir, the Beautiful Sun,

Was banqueting at an honorable feast

With many princes and noblemen

English Translation - Back

Post Card - Carte Postale

[Place for stamp]

On behalf of the St. Eugenia Society [seal]

In partnership with R. Golike and A. Vilborg