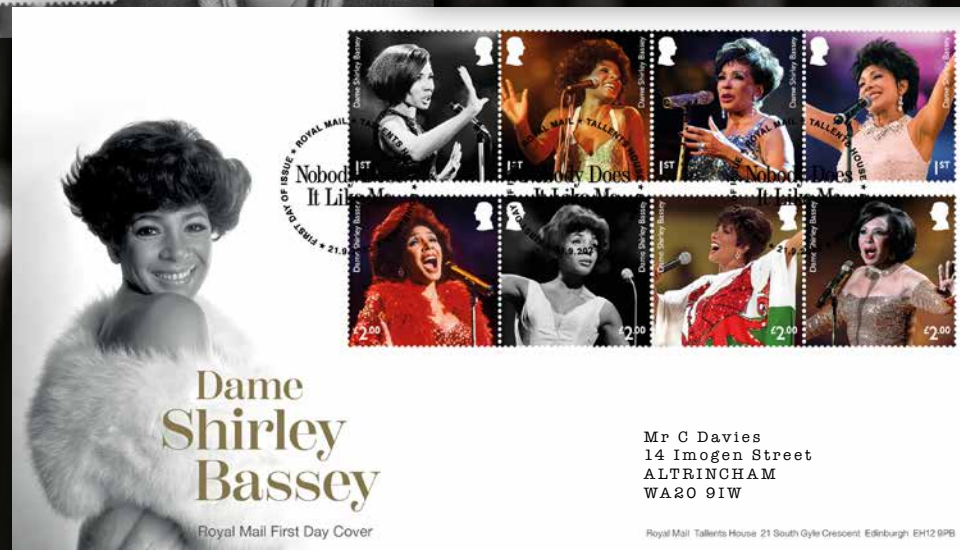




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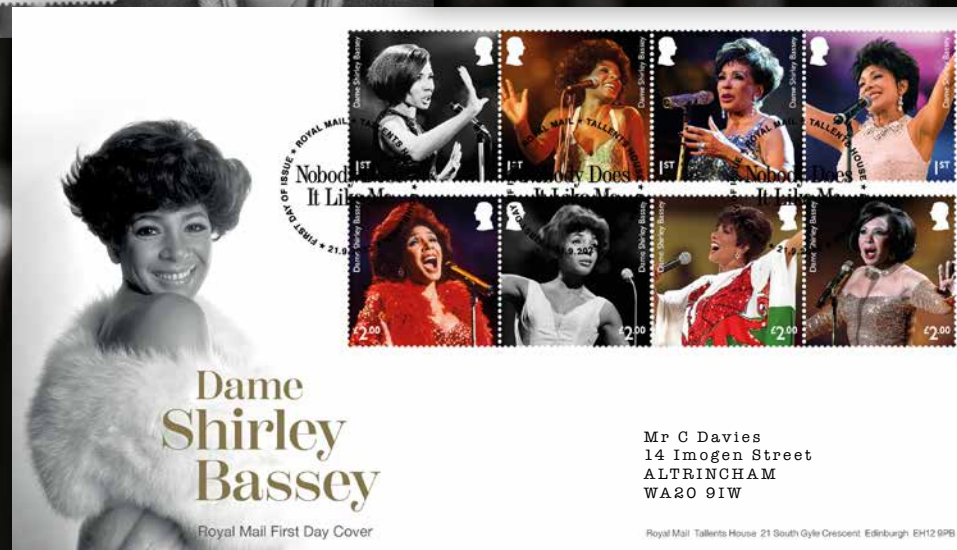
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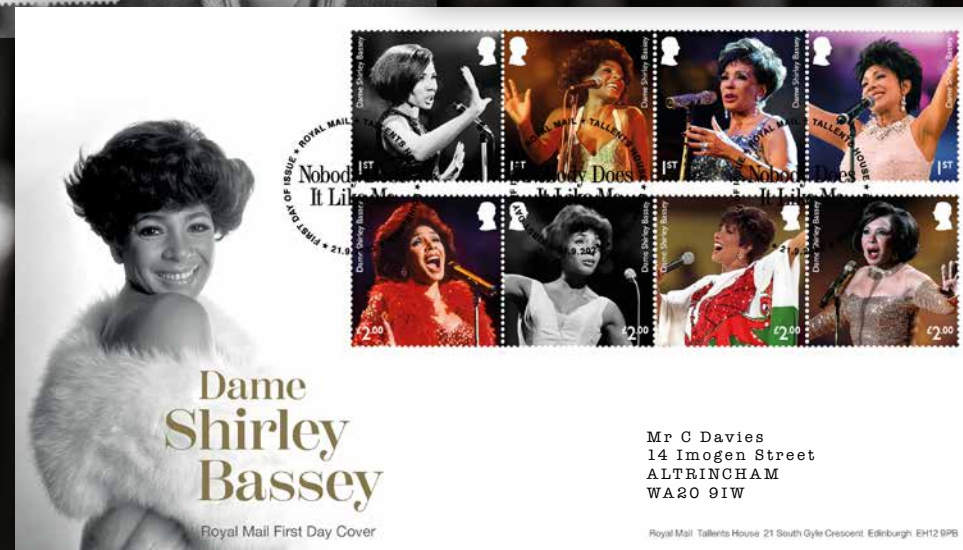
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# Illustrious career of a UK music pioneer

Dame Shirley Bassey is one of Britain's best-loved performers, and the first female vocalist whose albums have charted in the UK top 40 across seven consecutive decades.

Seventy years into her remarkable career, we're celebrating the unique voice and iconic status of this legendary artist with a set of Special Stamps capturing spellbinding performances.

An enchanting Miniature Sheet with an additional four stamps shows a more natural side of Dame Shirley, with candid photographs taken during recording sessions and rehearsals.

Discover a highly collectible hand-signed frame, limited edition Coin Covers and other captivating keepsakes to treasure.

Icons are forever. Here's to Dame Shirley Bassey.



## 1 Mint Stamp Set | AS10600 £12.40

- Eight new Special Stamps capture Dame Shirley Bassey performing throughout her glittering 70-year career.
- Different scenes in both black and white and colour feature performances by the music legend at various UK venues – plus the Oscars in Hollywood.
- Four First Class and four £2.00 stamps presented as two horizontal se-tenant strips.

**First Class** 1965: Performing at the Pigalle nightclub, London

**First Class** 1974: Performing in Bournemouth

**First Class** 2009: Performing at the BBC Electric Proms, The Roundhouse, London

**First Class** 2002: Performing at the Safeway Picnic in the Park

**£2.00** 1988: Performing in Brighton

**£2.00** 1963: Performing on a TV show

**£2.00** 1999: Singing at the opening ceremony of the Rugby World Cup in Cardiff

**£2.00** 2013: Performing during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre, Hollywood, California

### Technical Details

**Stamp format** Square  
**Stamp size** 35mm x 35mm  
**Design** Royal Mail Group Ltd  
**Printer** Cartor Security Printers  
**Print process** Lithography  
**Perforations** 14.5 x 14.5  
**Phosphor** Bars as appropriate  
**Gum** PVA

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## 2 Miniature Sheet | MZ191 £6.20

- Four stamps with a beautiful selection of informal photographs taken of Dame Shirley Bassey during recording and rehearsal sessions throughout her career.
- The two First Class and two £2.00 stamps are set against a black and white portrait of this legendary artist.

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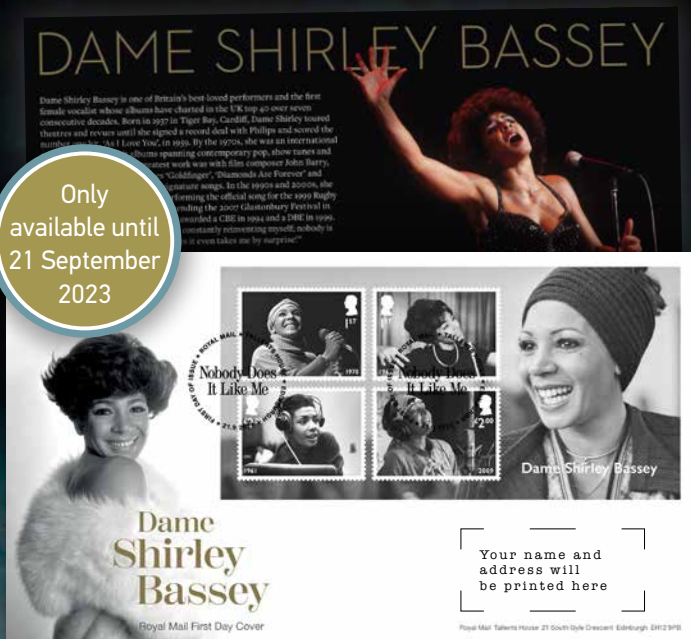
**Stamp format** Landscape  
**Stamp size** 41mm x 30mm  
**Miniature Sheet size** 146mm x 74mm  
**Design** Royal Mail Group Ltd  
**Printer** Cartor Security Printers  
**Print process** Lithography  
**Perforations** 14.5 x 14  
**Phosphor** Bars as appropriate  
**Gum** Self-adhesive

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- 3 Prestige First Day Cover | HF105 £4.30** <sup>③</sup>
- A First Day Cover featuring the unique pane of definitive stamps from the Dame Shirley Bassey Prestige Stamp Book.
  - Personalised with the name, address and postmark of your choice on the first day of issue, 21 September 2023.



- 4 First Day Cover Miniature Sheet | MF183 £8.10** <sup>④</sup>
- Includes the Dame Shirley Bassey Miniature Sheet, capturing informal moments in rehearsals and recording studios.
  - Personalised with the name, address and postmark of your choice on the first day of issue, 21 September 2023.
  - The special-edition envelope features a studio portrait of Dame Shirley Bassey, taken in 1977.

**5 First Day Cover | AF507 £15.55**

- Celebrate 70 years of classic songs and legendary live performances with this unique, time-limited and personalised collectible.
- All eight Dame Shirley Bassey Special Stamps cancelled with your preferred special-edition postmark on the first day of issue, 21 September 2023.
- Personalise with the name and address of your choice as a unique collectible or as a gift to delight a Dame Shirley fan.
- Inside the First Day Envelope is an information card containing an overview of the issue and the stamp specifications.

**Choose your postmark**

The Tallents House postmark references the 1974 song and album *Nobody Does It Like Me*. The alternative postmark features a copy of Dame Shirley Bassey's signature, signed specially for the stamp issue. The postmark location is her home town of Cardiff.

**Choose your handstamp**

**Standard postmark**



**Alternative postmark**





## 6 Fan Sheet | S1031 £13.50

- A superb commemorative collectible containing all eight Special Stamps featuring iconic live appearances from across Dame Shirley Bassey's 70-year career.
- The stamps are set against a backdrop of Dame Shirley performing at the 2011 Brit Awards.
- Limited to just 5,000 individually numbered sheets.
- A perfect souvenir to frame and treasure.



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## 7 Prestige Stamp Book | YB114 £22.50

- An elegant and informative 24-page publication written by music journalist and broadcaster Lucy O'Brien.
- The book tells the story of Dame Shirley Bassey's journey from humble beginnings to global superstar.
- It's packed with photography, quotes and stories spanning Dame Shirley Bassey's remarkable 70-year career.
- The Prestige Stamp Book includes three pages incorporating the eight main stamps and the Miniature Sheet stamps.
- A fourth stamp page of definitive stamps unique to this issue includes two labels at the centre of the pane showing Dame Shirley Bassey performing live.

## 8 Presentation Pack | AP528 £19.50

- A fact-packed fold-out collectible containing all 12 new stamps in mint condition alongside quotes, stories and beautiful imagery spanning Dame Shirley Bassey's extraordinary 70-year career.
- The main set of eight stamps captures this remarkable artist in live performances.
- The Miniature Sheet, presented in a separate carrier, includes four stamps capturing Dame Shirley during recording and rehearsal sessions.
- Writer and broadcaster Lucy O'Brien charts the story of the girl from Tiger Bay, in the Cardiff docklands, who became a global music superstar.
- A stylish souvenir celebrating a cultural icon.





# Dame Shirley Bassey Coin Cover collection

Limited-edition souvenirs featuring The Royal Mint's newly issued Gold, Silver and Brilliant Uncirculated coins.

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A limited edition of only 750

- 9 Silver Proof Coin Cover | AN246 £105
- Features the official Dame Shirley Bassey one ounce silver coin struck from 999 Ag pure silver with a flawless 'proof' finish and a silhouette of Dame Shirley highlighted in gold colour.
  - The coin is presented beneath all eight new Special Stamps cancelled with the diamond postmark in honour of her classic James Bond theme song, and packaged in a Royal Mail presentation case.
  - A limited edition of just 750 individually numbered souvenirs.

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A limited edition of just 50

- 10 Gold Proof Coin Cover | AN247 £750
- An exquisite collectible featuring The Royal Mint's Dame Shirley Bassey gold coin struck from a quarter ounce of 999.9 Au pure gold.
  - This stunning coin depicts a silhouette of Dame Shirley with her name in 1970s typography, beneath eight new Special Stamps cancelled with the special edition diamond postmark.
  - A limited edition of just 50 individually numbered coin covers.
  - Packaged in a Royal Mail presentation case.
  - The ultimate commemorative keepsake honouring the enduring talent and evergreen appeal of a UK music legend.

- 11 Brilliant Uncirculated Coin Cover | AN245 £19.99
- A limited-edition coin collectible commemorating Dame Shirley Bassey's illustrious career.
  - All eight Special Stamps capturing spellbinding live performances are cancelled with the special diamond postmark.
  - The stamps are presented above a £5 coin in immaculate Brilliant Uncirculated condition depicting a silhouette of Dame Shirley.
  - Strictly limited to just 10,000 individually numbered copies.

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

**Limited edition** 10,000 (Brilliant Uncirculated); 750 (Silver Proof); 50 (Gold Proof)

**Denomination** £5 (Brilliant Uncirculated); £2 (Silver Proof); £25 (Gold Proof)

**Diameter** 38.61 mm (Brilliant Uncirculated and Silver Proof); 22mm (Gold Proof)

**Weight** 28.28g (Brilliant Uncirculated); 31.21g (Silver Proof); 7.80g (Gold Proof)

**Alloy (Quality)** cupro-nickel (Brilliant Uncirculated); 999 Ag (Silver Proof); 999.9 Au (Gold Proof)

**Obverse design** Martin Jennings

**Reverse design** Sue Aperghis

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Coin Cover handstamp

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A limited edition of 10,000

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#### 12 Framed Collectors Sheet | N3346 £34.99

- The Collectors Sheet, with all eight Special Stamps plus additional labelsof Dame Shirley's on-stage performances, presented in a premium black frame.
- Dimensions: 33.5cm x 43.5cm.

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#### 13 Framed Stamps | N3345 £44.99

- The eight Dame Shirley Bassey Special Stamps mounted in individual apertures within a premium black frame.
- The stamps are set against a stunning photograph of Dame Shirley performing at the Royal Albert Hall in 1974.
- Dimensions: 32cm x 31cm.

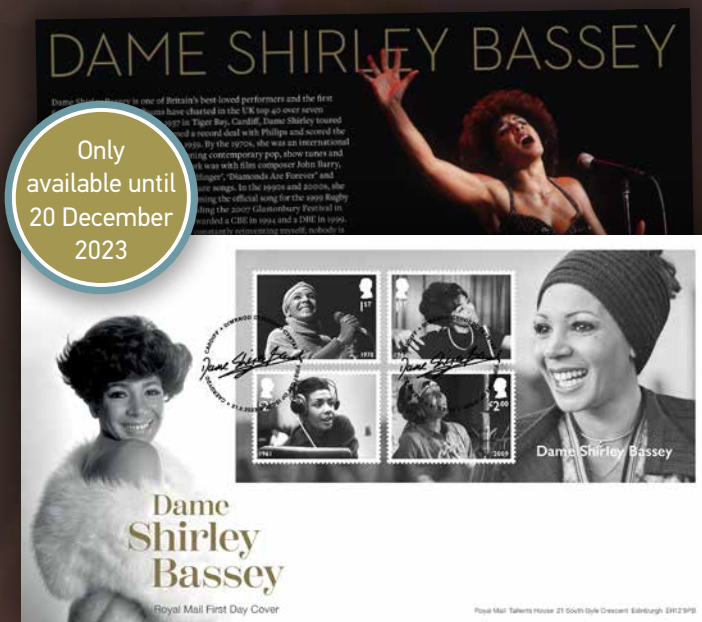
#### 14 Signed Framed Stamps | N3352 £249.99

- A highly collectible souvenir hand-signed in gold ink by Dame Shirley Bassey.
- Strictly limited to just 70 editions, in recognition of Dame Shirley's 70 years in music.
- A stunning piece with a premium black frame and gold inlay.
- This unique commemorative item is expected to be highly sought after by collectors and fans. Certificate of Authenticity included.
- Limited to one frame per customer.
- Dimensions: 32cm x 31cm.

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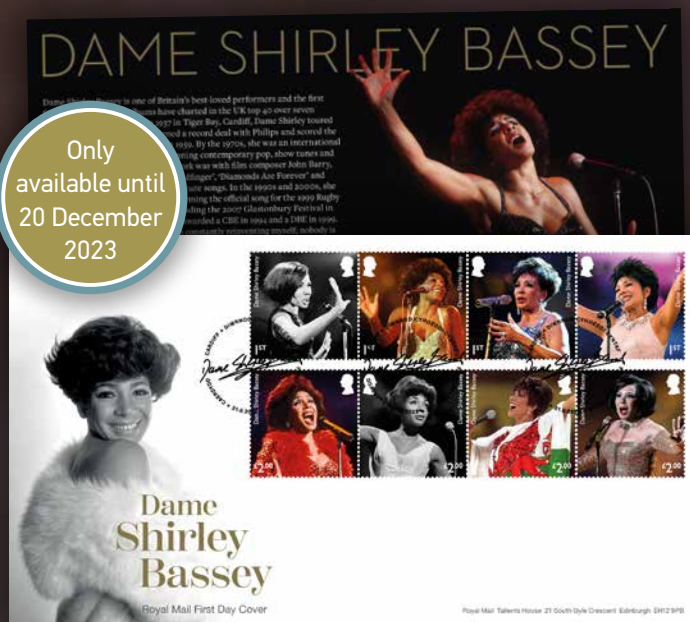
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#### 15 Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW255 £8.10

- A non-personalised version of the Miniature Sheet First Day Cover cancelled with the alternative Cardiff postmark on a special edition envelope containing the information card.
- On sale until 20 December 2023.



#### 16 Stamp Souvenir | AW254 £15.55

- A non-personalised version of the Dame Shirley Bassey First Day Cover featuring all eight new stamps cancelled with the alternative Cardiff postmark.
- The First Day Envelope contains the issue's information card.
- On sale until 20 December 2023.

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#### 17 Collectors Sheet | AT151 £13.60

- The Collectors Sheet includes all eight Dame Shirley Bassey Special Stamps alongside labels featuring a selection of images of on-stage moments from the music legend's glittering career.
- The self-adhesive stamps and labels are set against an image of Dame Shirley at the 1965 Royal Command Performance.

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#### 18 Press Sheet | PZ073 £111.60

- An exceptional, highly collectible keepsake, direct from the printing press.
- An individually numbered Press Sheet featuring 18 Miniature Sheets.
- A limited edition of only 200.



19 Postcards | AQ344 £5.85

- A set of 13 postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the Dame Shirley Bassey Special Stamps and Miniature Sheet stamps – including a Miniature Sheet montage.

- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending to fans of this UK music legend.

20 First Day Envelope | AE463 £0.30

- The special edition envelope with a black and white studio portrait of Dame Shirley Bassey, taken in 1977.

21 Half First Class Sheet | AS10600AHS £26.40

- A Half Stamp Sheet containing 24 First Class stamps from the Dame Shirley Bassey issue.

22 Full First Class Sheet | AS10600AFS £52.80

- A Full Stamp Sheet containing 48 First Class stamps from the Dame Shirley Bassey issue.

23 Half £2.00 Sheet | AS10600BHS £48.00

- A Half Stamp Sheet containing 24 £2.00 stamps from the Dame Shirley Bassey issue.

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- A Full Stamp Sheet containing 48 £2.00 stamps from the Dame Shirley Bassey issue.

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