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# Bill Monroe Commemorative Postage Stamp

★ **Act NOW!!** ★

Would you like to see Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass Music, honored by a commemorative United States Postage Stamp? If so, the time to act is NOW, and all you have to do is to write and mail a letter.

Each year, the United States Postal Service issues approximately 25 commemorative postage stamps. Under its guidelines, the honoree must have been deceased for at least 10 years, which in Bill Monroe's case will be September 9, 2006. The 95th anniversary of his birth, September 13, 2006, which is only 4 days later, would be a logical date for the issuance of the stamp. **The guidelines further recommend that the process be started 3 years before the issuance year, which is NOW, in 2003.**

The first step is for a citizens' committee to select the subjects for each year. This they do by considering letters, cards, and petitions sent to them by the public at large. After that, the committee considers artwork and other details for the stamp. Because Bill Monroe's music is appreciated worldwide, nominations from outside the USA would be very appropriate. To participate in this effort on behalf of a great American musical legend, please send your letter or postcard to:

**Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
c/o Stamp Development, US Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 5670  
Washington, DC 20260-2437**

Don't delay! Write today. For more information on the campaign and other ways that you can help, visit the web site at:

<http://www.billmonroestamp.org>



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