

Accordions!

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The accordion may have been invented in 1822 by German inventor Friedrich Ludwig Buschmann in Berlin. Within a couple of decades, the instrument was immensely popular in Russia and Germany. By the end of the 1840s, more than ten thousand accordions were being sold every year. The instrument spread across Europe and then came to the Americas with waves of immigrants. The instrument can be found throughout the Americas, but became incredibly important in South America music, where the closely related instrument known as the bandoneon is the main instrument within tango music. Due to its popularity, the accordion can be found on postage stamps from across Europe and South America. It can also be seen on advertising covers and fancy cancels. Here are an assortment.



USSR 1989
Scott # 5818



France 1990
Scott # FR 2233



Germany 2001
Scott # DE 2121



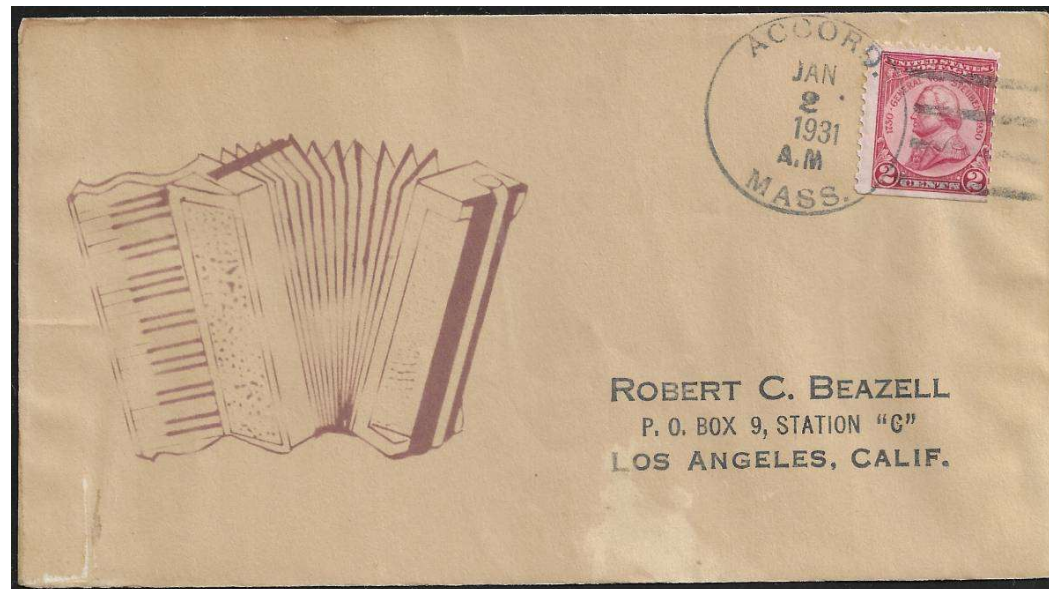
Luxembourg 2000
Scott # LU 1046



Switzerland 1985
Scott # CH B517



Poland 1984
Scott # PL 2605



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Jan. 2, 1931



Argentina 2019
Scott # AR 3840