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Introduction

Dear Collector and Client,

Jean de Sperati (1884-1957) was without a doubt one of philately's most eccentric and colourful characters, and he is now certainly the most revered name in philatelic forgeries.

David Feldman International Auctioneers is delighted to partner with Frank Eder to offer this new installment of the "Art of Jean de Sperati" sale, which adds substantially to our understanding of the extraordinary scope of his reproductions and offers much material, hitherto unrecorded and entirely new to the market. Again, we observe the visually impressive production materials through which he achieved the highest degree of perfection in his stamp reproductions, right from the unique master matrices, glass support and celluloid clichés, engraved copper plates, working proofs, and through to the finished stamp reproductions. Of the highlights of this sale, we draw attention to the crème de la crème of Sperati's work, the unique *Collection No. 1*, a complete approval book that features 235 finished reproductions of some of the world's rarest classic stamps gifted by Sperati to his daughter Yvonne on her 28th birthday. We also offer the newly discovered essays and clichés of the world famous Mauritius "Post Office" that Sperati worked on in early 1951, around the time of his agreement with the B.P.A. to hand over his production materials, as well as the clichés and impressions on glass and celluloid paper for the United Kingdom Penny Black VR Official, a major new discovery that is undocumented in the literature on Sperati.

These and many other new discoveries document how by the middle of the 20th century Sperati had asserted himself as the most eminent producer of stamp reproductions in what he himself termed his Art of Philately (*la Philatélie d'Art*). With inimitable precision he combined his extensive knowledge of chemistry, paper, photography, engraving, and philately to create superb reproductions of many of the world's most iconic stamps by means of the lithographic technique using photographic processes (one of Jean de Sperati's brothers was a photographer and another a stamp dealer, so in a sense he placed himself at the intersection of those!).

Sperati was extraordinarily driven, even to the point of obsession, as he produced his stamps in order primarily to debunk the experts of his time, but also, it must not be omitted, to sell his productions to stamp dealers all over the world. He also cleverly branded himself and his work through the many pictures taken of him, through his surviving archive, and in his writings about his original reproduction technique. He concluded "My Technical Autobiography", from about 1950, after several decades of activity, with these words so characteristic of the master forger:

"PHILATÉLIE D'ART" has made the grade so well, that to-day no advanced specialist in the world can ignore the "PHILATÉLIE D'ART" with which is indestructibly linked the name of JEAN DE SPERATI.

This sale is an important source for research into the world of Sperati, and David Feldman of Geneva and Frank Eder wish you all success with your bids.

Allan Westphall Geneva, April 2024



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Foreword

It gives me great pleasure, now that I am returning to the company that I founded more than five decades ago, to endorse the sale of newly discovered materials from the estate of Jean de Sperati, the world's philatelic forger *par excellence*, and one whose many stamp reproductions I have encountered regularly during a long career in the philatelic trade.

I would also like to celebrate the dawning of a promising new collaboration with Mr. Frank Eder, our German partner in this amazing offering of Sperati materials, as well as the arrival of Allan Westphall, a philatelic expert from Denmark who has joined our team in Geneva and who has been responsible for the production of this auction catalogue.



Inside the Sperati workshop. A selection of colourful cardboard boxes from the Sperati estate that were used to house celluloid paper, photographic slides, glue, and various other manufacturing elements.

We now invite you to enter Sperati's busy workshop together with us and admire the many and diverse components that were used to create his very convincing reproductions of many of the world's rarest postage stamps. These reproductions find their fullest and most distinguished articulation in this auction's lot #1, the exquisite 'Collection No. 1' comprising 235 superb reproductions of stamp with postmarks, and which is nearly identical to Sperati's fabled *Livre d'Or* that contained the full range of forged stamps that had convinced the philatelic experts of his day to issue certificates of authenticity.

To all our clients, new and established, we wish you will enjoy this special auction and have good luck with your bids.

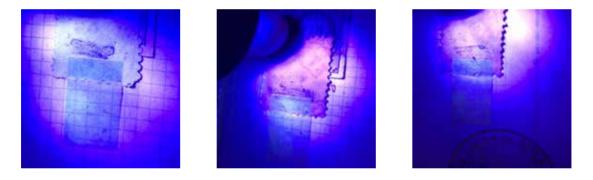
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Sperati's secret marking

In a letter to the Belgian stamp dealer Rene Mertens dated November 16th 1946, Sperati made reference to a secret marking put by him on his stamp reproductions. The purpose of this marking, his *marque invisible*, was to differentiate his own productions from the authentic stamps (and from the forgeries of others). In the letter Sperati remarked that

My marking is invisible in full daylight and is absolutely indelible, except if you remove some paper and create a thin, but then there won't be much stamp left!

Sperati claimed that the sign would be apparent only when the stamp was placed under a Wood's lamp that emits ultraviolet light.



The passage in Sperati's letter to Mertens has been acknowledged in the literature on Sperati and most recently in Richard Schäfer, *Jean de Sperati – Rubens of Philatelic Forgers 1884-1957*, but so far no one has been able to detect and describe this marking.*

When we studied the many finished stamp reproductions in Sperati's "Collection no 1", the album that Sperati gave as a gift to his daughter Yvonne on her birthday in 1952 (lot #1), and shone ultraviolet light on many of the stamps contained in it, we did notice an area that shines up on the back. We believe that Sperati applied the marking with a pen and in a metallic writing ink around the place where the hinge would normally be attached, probably in order to disguise it. To a normal eye, the marking looks like an offfset of writing ink from its former use on a cover; as such, Sperati's pen marking was designed to look as inconspicuous as possible, like just a random offset of ink such as was normally used on letters in the 19th century.

In all likelihood, Sperati applied this marking only to his early productions that he sold to dealers, and probably not later on in the late 1940s and into the 50s.

This is ongoing research and we encourage people who have information about this marking or any new and un-recorded aspect of Sperati's biography to get in touch with us.

* Richard Schäfer, Jean de Sperati – Rubens of Philatelic Forgers 1884-1957, Corinphila, 2023, p. 60.



NOTES

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"Forgeries can be shown in comparison with the genuine stamp as examples to demonstrate the knowledge of the differences between originals and forgeries".

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Complete Photos and Scans are Available Online

Please note that most of the pictures presented in the printed catalogue illustrate just a part of the material contained in the great majority of the lots. Images of all items are available online.

A Guide to the Handwritten notes by Sperati:

- 'Alpha': type of celluloid from the brand Ilford, a preferred type for Sperati and which was not available during the restrictions of WWII as an English brand, so during the period of the war it is no longer found
- 'Calor': brand of the lamp used for the light exposure in some instances (Sperati also used the sunlight)
- 'Isopan': a type of celluloid from Agfa
- 'Tiré': denotes a satisfactory final result to make the reproductions
- 'Veri': abbreviation of Verichrome, a type of film or celluloid from Kodak
- 'Voile vio': refers to the violet filter used to obtain better contrasts in lithography
- Three figures with multiplier symbol, i.e. "18° x 5% x 2'30" ": 5% of application of a chemical substance, a light exposure of 2 mins 30 secs in a room with an environmental temperature of 18°C.

The painted or retouched surround, mainly found in master negatives but also in some clichés, was applied with the purpose of not allowing the light to diffuse laterally in the process of obtaining the reproduction.





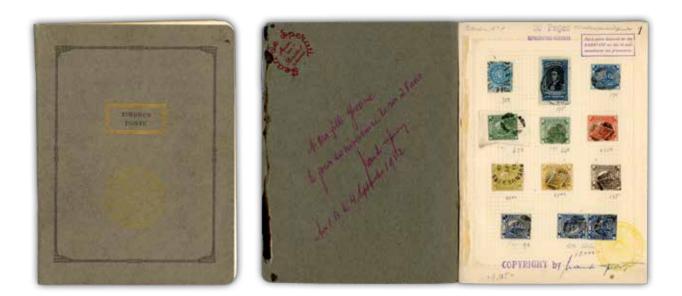












80000 All World – Sperati stamp collection, entitled *Collection no 1*, a stamp approval album (entitled *"Timbres 30'000 - 40'000 Postes"*; measuring 15x20cm) exhibiting 235 Sperati reproductions of famous classic stamps; the range of stamps in this album is similar to those contained in Sperati's famous *Livre d'Or* album.

This album was gifted by Jean de Sperati to his daughter Yvonne on her 28th birthday, inscribed by Sperati on the inside of the cover and dated 4 September 1952. This is the album that allows us to ascertain the occurrence of Sperati's secret marking (*marque invisible*) that he mentioned in a correspondence of November 1946, a dark marking visible from the back under UV light, that enabled him to differentiate his stamps from authentic specimens. Sperati's daughter Yvonne (born 1924) was raised mostly by her aunt; she noted that her mother was not much interested in children and her father was always preoccupied with work, working often 14-16 hours per day. For her 28th birthday Sperati prepared for her this splendid album that encapsulated the highest achievement of his stamp reproduction art (what he termed "*Philatelie d'Art*").

Each of the album's 20 pages contains 9-12 stamps, with most of the highlights of classic world philately being represented, including Buenos Aires tête-bêche, the famous Austrian newspaper stamps, Bavaria 1kr in tête-bêche pair and singles, Saxony no 1 (x3), France with tête-bêche pairs, Italian States, Spain 2r error of colour (a stamp known in three copies), Sweden 3 skilling yellow (a stamp known in one copy only), Switzerland cantonals, incl. Zurich 1843 4r and 6r, GB 2 shilling brown (x3, in the three separate types), the sun stamps of Uruguay, and much, much more; many of the stamps have Sperati's signature in pencil on back. The catalogue value has been noted in pencil below each stamp. The album contains absolutely no duplication.

This album contains similar material as Sperati's *Livre d'Or*, which in its final form contained 239 stamps, all expertized by the leading philatelic experts of the time from Germany (166 stamps), Italy (38 stamps), Spain (5 stamps), France (26 stamps), and England (4 stamps). In the album we also find the full range of Sperati's logos, such as *"Jean de Sperati, Aix-les-Bains, Savoie"*, also on every page is stamped the large yellow circular *"Les Jean de Sperati Philatelie d'Art"*, and the first page has *Collection No. 1* in pencil and *"Reproduction Interdite"*, also *"Copyright by Jean de Sperati"*.

This collection is one of the most important resources we have for studying the evolution of Sperati's reproductions and the technical aspects of his production of both photo-lithography and (in fewer cases) typography. It represents many of his finest reproductions from the time before the British Philatelic Association bought his stock (1953) and published *The Work of Jean de Sperati* (1955). The album truly represents the *crème de la crème* of Sperati's philatelic forgery; it is an object of the highest cultural and historical importance, providing insight into human activities of reproduction and forgery. As an inscribed album it also combines Sperati's paternal affection for his daughter Yvonne with his extraordinary pride in the achievement of "*Philatelie d'Art*".



80001 Jean de Sperati production of seven different stamps, mounted in approval booklet with Sperati's logos and private cachets, "Jean de Sperati, Aix les Bains" and "Philatelie d'Art", including two copies of Geneva 1846 5c large eagle unused, 1845 "Vaud" issue 5c with forged cancellation, Wurttemberg 1852 18kr used, Oldenburg 1861 ½g, type A of the two types produced, France 1852 20c presumably a genuine used example; an exceedingly rare example of a Sperati "Philatelie d'Art" album, with a colourful assembly of the high-quality reproductions, unique and very attractive.

1'000 - 1'500

B0002 Jean de Sperati 1948 – a sketch of Jean de Sperati in profile, with what resembles Sperati's own handwriting "Souvenir croquis de Mlle Oswald 21.8 1948"; a sketch in blue pen that shows the stamp reproduction artist *par excellence* at the time when he was producing some of his finest reproductions.

100 - 250

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80003 Argentina, Buenos Aires – 1858-59 "Barquitos" steamship issues, group of fifteen items, comprising:

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- · Tres pesos: four glass clichés, two in negative and some with production notes about chemicals used and exposure times, also an exposure on celluloid with notes about the violet filter used.
- · Cuatro pesos: one very attractive glass cliché in brown and an exposure on celluloid in vermilion (mirror image) with notes that specify details about temperature and duration of exposure.
- · Cinco pesos: a single negative glass cliché, coloured around the area of design to focus the light.
- · Un peso: six glass clichés in varying colours, incl. deep red-brown, an exposure in white (very unusual) on celluloid, and an attractive essay on cardboard dated Nov. 1931.

1'500 - 2'000











80004 Argentina, Buenos Aires – 1858 "Barquitos" 4p one glass cliché in black with Sperati's production notes at base detailing aspects of photographic exposure and chemicals required, and 5p a similar cliché with Sperati's manuscript annotations; an attractive matching pair that takes us inside the Sperati workshop.

300 - 500





750 - 1'500

80005 Argentina, Buenos Aires – 1858-59 Liberty Head and steamship issues, group of six items, incl. one master negative of the 4r Liberty Head from which the clichés were derived, painted black around the area of design, two glass support clichés in black 1 peso steamship, 5p on celluloid negative with surround painted brown (noted "mal" by Sperati), also a proof on paper 4p vermilion ands one transparent photographic paper with 3p with mirror image. A stunning Sperati range of these famous classic issues.



80006 Argentina, Buenos Aires – 1859 Liberty Head 4r one glass cliché in black (type A of the two types produced), mirror image, with some production notes inscribed at base and 2p one cliché on celluloid in gray-brown; an attractive and scarce matching pair of this famous issue.

200 - 400



1'000 - 1'500

80007 Australian States, Tasmania – 1892 £1, a spectacular group of sixteen production elements for the bicoloured stamp, including a rare engraved copper plate of the value tablet, an impression of the value tablet on darkened onionskin paper as well as on two glass support clichés, also four glass clichés featuring the design without value tablet in brown and in the vermilion so often preferred by Sperati, and four clichés on celluloid, one coloured vermilion, also four papers with trial impressions that show experimentation with shades of green; an unrepeatable set with the original copper engraving of the value tablet that shows Sperati also producing his reproduction through typography and not only his usual technique of photolithography.



80008 Australian States, Tasmania – 1892 £1, six components for the manufacture of the bicoloured stamp, two very attractive glass clichés, black and vermilion, with image reversal, and one cliché on gray celluloid with production notes in Sperati's hand, also three trial prints on paper on which Sperati experimented towards the correct colour of the yellow value tablet, including his characteristic fingerprint colour trial; a unique and visually spectacular group that displays the challenges that Sperati faced with producing the bicoloured stamp.

400 - 600



3'000 - 5'000

Australia – 1913 "Kangaroo" £2, fourteen production elements for this iconic Australian high value, the element of the central kangaroo include four glass clichés, one dated March 1951 and with two corner angles delimiting the placement of the rest of the design, also a plate with two kangaroos in black numbered "23/24", one very attractive celluloid cliché dated "8/51"; the frame element includes five glass clichés, one in rose with reversed image, dated "2/51", also four celluloid clichés incl. impressions in pale-rose and deep brown; a unique and visually stunning range of clichés and photographic papers, with no similar material found in the "Ultimate" collection or in the Musée de la Poste of Paris. This lot comes with Sperati's cardboard box of photographic paper from the Lumière Brothers.







3'000 - 5'000

80010 Australia – 1913 "Kangaroo" £2, fourteen production elements for the Australian high value, the element of the central kangaroo include two attractive glass clichés, one with dating "5/51", also two celluloids and a thin paper slip with the kangaroo with two corner angles delimiting the placement of the rest of the design; the frame element includes four glass clichés, two in negative and with production notes at base, and two with image reversal, also one very faint impression on celluloid (near albino print) and an impressive exposure painted deep magenta (dated "9/51") ; a unique and very attractive range of clichés and photographic papers, with no similar material found in the "Ultimate" collection or in the Musée de la Poste of Paris. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for photographic paper of J. Jougla.





1'500 - 3'000

80011 Australia – 1913 "Kangaroo", a comprehensive group of items used for the creation of postmarks on the finished stamp reproductions, Including one genuine 9d stamp with genuine cancellation that Sperati touched up in order to reproduce his photographic cliché (the cliché dated April 1951), also two attractive glass clichés in dark brown with cds of Melbourne and NSW, three celluloiud strips with cds that were transposed unto stamp reproductions, four paper fragments with impressions of the £2 kangaroo (two in rose), finally a very exciting card with papers on which Sperati experimented with the cds and also three genuine stamps (incl. 5s) on which Sperati placed his Sydney and Melbourne cds; a wonderful and unique range of trial pm reproductions that takes us inside Sperati's workshop.



Austria – 1851-56 Newspaper Stamps "Mercure" twenty-nine production items, incl. seven glass support clichés in varying colours like black, vermilion, rose, some with Sperati's production comments pertaining to chemicals used, temperature and exposure time, also six celluloid strips with photographic exposures, similarly with production notes and one with faint tête-bêche impression; also fifteen trials on paper, of which one in yellow and one with a postmark reproduction in red Wien 10/11, finally a black impression on onionskin paper derived from the copper plate engraving (showing poor impression); a unique and very comprehensive group that allows us to study the development of Sperati's reproductions of this world-famous issue. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box of Guilleminot photographic paper.

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80013 Austria – 1858 Imperial Newspaper Tax Stamp 1 kr and 4kr, comprising a painted master on photographic paper of the 4kr value – the foundation for the creation of the cliché – and a similar master on celluloid for the 1kr, together with eight glass support clichés of the 1kr in a spectrum of colours, such as black, vermilion, blue, and an exceptional brown on ceramic, also two exposure on photographic paper, one dated May 1941. A unique and exceptional assembly in vivid colours; the masters in this lot would have produced the finished copies that Sperati included in his Livre d'Or with certificates from experts in Italy and Germany. This lot comes with Sperati's cardboard box for photographic paper produced by the Lumière Brothers.

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no more clichés in the "Ultimate" collection or the Musée de la Poste of Paris.

Belgium – 1869-78 5fr glass plate with image reversal, defective in places, with very interesting production annotations, incl. "pâle" (pale) and dating "12/46". A unique element of the Sperati production of this high value.

- 80016 Bolivia 1867-68 10c Condor, three items, one glass support cliché with a pair in black, and similar pair on celluloid paper with manuscript notes about the Verichrome celluloid film from Kodak and the exposure, also a celluloid of the 500c Nine Stars 1868 with notes abour Verichrome and Agfa celluloid film. A unique group of production elements, with nothing similar in the "Ultimate"collection or the Musée de la Poste of Paris.

300 - 500





Belgian Congo - 1887-94 Second issue 10fr, one glass support cliché with blank denomination, and

one trial cds of Matadi with reversed image, mounted on thin plastic; a very fine and unique pair, with

200 - 400



80017 Brazil – 1843, Bull's Eyes 60r, twelve production items and five cancellation trials on paper; the production items include one glass support cliché with mirror image, three exposure trials on celluloid paper, one painted red-brown around the design, and one with dating Oct 1942 and comprehensive production notations that probably indicate a satisfactory result to make the final reproductions, also a set of impressions on paper, one dated Aug 1941 and one with fine red strike of CORREIO GERALDACORTE 14/9 1844. The cancellations comprise red UICTORIA on paper, black CORREIO GERALDACORTE, and working proofs of red PELOTAS and MACEIO with abundant annotations dated Dec 1943; a very fine range of stamp impressions and accompanying pms that merits further study, of the highest rarity with very few items in the "Ultimate" collection and no clichés and matrices with B.P.A. or the Musée de la Poste of Paris. This lot comes with Sperati's black cardboard box labelled "Bresil".

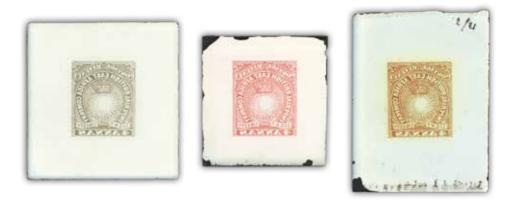


80018 Brazil – 1843 "Bull's Eyes" a remarkable group of two glass clichés (one dated March 1843; 100 years after the issuing of the stamp), and two clichés on celluloid, of which one in attractive vermilion with colouring around the design, all with image reversal, also two fine cancellation trials on thin papers, circular Correio Geraldacorte and line pm Uictoria; a very fine group that displays Sperati's integration of cancellation with stamp reproduction.

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80019 British East Africa – 1890-94 4a, four glass support clichés with reversed image impression and in a range of shades, warm brown (dated Feb 1921), vermilion, gray-black and pinkish-red (defective), also three (presumably) genuine unused stamps in values 8a and 1r that Sperati would have used as the basis for developing his reproductions; an exceptionally scarce range of colourful clichés, with only very few glass clichés recorded and no examples found in the B.P.A. collection.

400 - 800



80020 British East Africa – 1890-94 4a, reversed image impression on celluloid paper in red-brown with production annotations, together with a negative glass support cliché of the same value; a very scarce and remarkable pair, with no examples recorded in the B.P.A. collection.

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80021 British Honduras – 1882-87 Queen Victoria 6d, six glass clichés, remarkably clear and decorative with a few archiving and production notes by Sperati, also three clichés on uncoloured glass with fainter or damaged or overexposed impressions; a unique and remarkable range through which we follow Sperati experimenting towards satisfactory exposure for his finished reproduction of this value, his only completed reproduction from British Honduras. 700 - 1'000





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- 80022 British Honduras 1882-87 Queen Victoria four glass support clichés, comprising 1 shilling, two very fine clichés in black and the vermilion that Sperati often preferred for optimum exposure, with mirror image, also two glass clichés for the 6d value in rather faint impression, one in vermilion with production notes and dating Aug 1944; an attractive set of designs that includes the 1s not known to exist as finished stamp reproductions.
- **80023 British Levant** 1909 issues with overprint, one copper plate developed for the "2 piastre 20 paras" overprint, an important new discovery of one of the few copper plates from the archive, which proves that the master forger, besides his standard process of photolithography, also experimented with engraved copper plates to make the reproductions more convincing.



80024 Canada – 1859 Jacques Cartier 17c, group of eight glass clichés, most with reversed image, in a splendid range of colours, such as black, vermilion, gray, and a radiant light blue, also one attractive negative cliché, some with Sperati's typical manufacture notations, also one negative on glass of circular mute 12-bar cds and circular numeral 9. A unique assembly of a hitherto unrecorded Sperati production, which now has the status of being Sperati's final stamp reproduction.

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80025 Canada, Newfoundland – 1857 4d, 8d, 1s sixteen items, comprising for the **4d value**, two glass support clichés, one with reversed image and one with integrated postmark in a striking red-brown shade, for the **8d value** four glass support clichés, with two in negative and painted black around design, also three trial impressions on paper, for the **1s value** one negative glass support cliché with dating May 1929 and comprehensive production notes around design, two fine glass clichés in vermilion and a cliché on celluloid paper with extensive annotations pertaining to chemicals used, temperature and exposure time. Finally three papers with cds trials dated "7/43" and "12/44". **A spectacular and unique group of production elements for Sperati's preferred photolithographic production method.** This lot comes with Sperati's cardboard box for photographic paper of the Société Lumière.

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80026 Canada, Newfoundland – 1857 1/2d, 2d, 8d, 1s, eighteen items, comprising for the 1/2d value, one cliché on celluloid in light brown with production notes and date of Dec 1929, for the 2d one cliché in light vermilion and with reversed image and one cliché on glass with a part imprint of a stamp from Mexico, for the 8d, four glass clichés incl. one black negative, and a celluloid cliché and an attractive proof on paper with impression in black and vermilion, for the 1s, five attractive glass support clichés in varying colours, one in black negative, one in gray-black (dated "6/29"), and one in deep dark red, also two beautiful celluloid clichés in black and deep red; A spectacular and unique group of production elements for Sperati's preferred photolithographic production method of this classic stamp.

1'500 - 2'000



80027 Canada, Newfoundland – 1857 6d, trial proof in black on thick paper, with Sperati's "REPRODUCTION INTERDITE" in purple and pencil signature below design, on reverse is Sperati's yellow emblem "Philatelie d'Art"; a complete proof in razor-sharp impression and with good range of Sperati's personal markings, unique. 250 - 500







80028 Canada, Vancouver Island – 1865 5c, an exceptional group of twenty-two production items for the stamp and cancellations, comprising seven glass support clichés in a range of colours, black, gray, green, brown and two black negative clichés, also four celluloids in red and black, two with dating Sep 1942 and production notes about chemicals and exposure, and two proofs in red printed on paper with reversed image. The comprehensive cancellation section includes oval "Post Office Victoria Vancouver PAID" and numeral 35 with oval "PAID", all on glass, celluloid and paper, some with production notes. Two certificates by Pascal Scheller accompany two glass clichés and two cancellation trials; an exceptionally important range, the B.P.A. only records one cliché and one exposure trial, and four single final reproductions were offered in the "Ultimate" collection sale of Sperati. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for his preferred Ilford brand of photographic paper.

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80029 Canada, Vancouver Island – 1865 5c a fine group of twelve items, comprising nine glass clichés in a fascinating rainbow of colours (black, brown, sepia, rose), and three celluloid clichés in rosy red and black; a very important range, the B.P.A. only records one cliché and one exposure trial, and four single final reproductions were offered in the "Ultimate" collection sale of Sperati.

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80030 **China**, local post **Shanghai** – 1866, two impressions of 12 candarin, in vermilion and black together with an impression of Romania Bull's Head 108pa; an exceptionally decorative piece with disparate Sperati productions; visually stunning and with an additional impression of the 12 candarin vermilion on back with what looks like a colour trial. Unique.

300 - 600



80031 comprising five glass clichés of the stamp, incl. one black negative, two in shades of brown, and two very attractive in vermilion with comprehensive production notes around design noting issues pertaining to the violet filter used to obtain contrast in lithography, also one cliché on celluloid and six trial impressions on thin paper (black and brown); the overprint element is represented by one genuine overprinted stamp that Sperati used as his source for the reproduction (and touched up on reverse), also four glass support clichés, two showing the damaged "D" of the original overprint and the other two with repaired "D", finally four papers with overprint trials, one with manuscript notations and dating "28/12"; an exceptional range of clichés and proofs of stamp and overprint, witnessing to the reproduction of this issue which was unknown until recently and represents Sperati's only reproduction of Chinese philately. This lot comes with Sperati's cardboard box for photographic papers of Guilleminot &Co.

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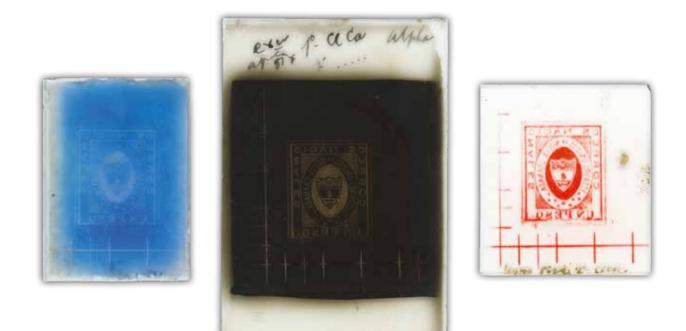






80032 Colombia – 1861, "Nueva Granada" 1p three negative glass support clichés, in black (with Sperati's manuscript notations), radiant blue colour, and another showing faint exposure with image reversal, also an exposure on celluloid of Bolivar 10c, mirror image and with production notes around design and dating Oct 1951. Unique and a very attractive group, less than 10 clichés recorded and the only known celluloid of the Bolivar issue.

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80033 Colombia – 1861, "Nueva Granada" 1p six glass support clichés, showing a startling array of colours, from red and vermilion, to a radiant blue and black (with production notes about the Alpha celluloid and the Calor lamp used for light exposure), also an neat glass cliché of the small Bolivar 10c, mirror image. Unique and a very attractive and colourful group, with less than 10 glass clichés recorded, and the Bolivar issue first time offered at auction.

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80034 Egypt, Suez Canal Company – 1868 1c, one glass cliché with image reversed and manuscript production notes at base "cliché 4/13 voile vio" referring to the violet filter used to obtain optimum contrast, also stamp with very sharp impression in black on pelure paper. We assume that the stamp is original and that Sperati used it to produce his cliché (stamp and cliché are the same position); the literature notes nothing about Sperati's production of Suez Canal Company stamps and we know of no finished stamp reproduction; unique and an exciting new discovery. 300 - 500







80035 France – 1849 Ceres first issue, a very impressive range of eleven glass clichés, incl. a master negative of the 15c dated July 1947 with production notes, 10c and 15c clichés in blue with integrated cancellation, and a negative cliché 15c, also two mirror image clichés of 1fr in vermilion, one with production annotations at base listing room temperature, the application of a chemical substance, and the duration of light exposure. A stunning and unique range that documents in the medium of glass the complicated manufacturing process of Sperati's reproductions.

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80036 France – 1849 Ceres first issue, two spectacular glass support clichés (trial exposures) of the 10c value, one in blue and one in a vibrant light brown (with mirror image), both with identical static cancellation, a rare feature of a Sperati reproduction. A beautiful pair of complementary clichés of the French classic.

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80037 France – 1849 Ceres first issue 1f vermilion, one cliché on celluloid and one on glass showing image reversal and the vibrant vermilion colour that was so often preferred by Sperati for his productions; a visually impressive pair of matching clichés of this most famous of French stamps featuring sharp, detailed impressions and showing Sperati's extraordinary attention to detail.
 80038 France – 1849 Ceres first issue 1f, a single cliché on celluloid with very finely detailed impression in black, showing image reversal and black colouration around the edges; a rare and visually impressive cliché on film with a sharp impression that was used to create the finished stamp reproduction.

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80039 France, Second Empire - a small group of five items, incl. a beautiful glass cliché 1fr vermilion with mirror image tête-bêche with production notes at base "voile vers" noting the green filter applied and also the chemicals used, exposure time, and duration, also a negative glass cliché of the same value with similar annotations, a glass cliché of a single 1fr with mirror image, and two celluloid strips of the 20c value with very sharp impressions; **a unique and attractive set of production elements.**

1'500 - 3'000



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- 80040
 France Second Empire issue 1c, one negative glass support cliché in dark-brown, coloured dark around the area of design to concentrate the light; an attractive item of the highest rarity with about five glass clichés of this issue in private hands.
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- 80041
 France Second Empire issue 25c, one negative glass support cliché, coloured around the area of design to concentrate the light; an attractive item of the highest rarity with about five glass clichés of this issue in private hands.
 250 500



- 80042France Second Empire issue 1f, one glass support cliché with a beautiful tête-bêche pair, image
reversed, in a light-brown shade; a production item of the highest rarity and one of just a few tête-
bêche clichés on glass from this issue.500 750
- 80043 France Second Empire issue 1f, one glass support cliché in carmine, image reversed, with Sperati's 400 600 manuscript dating June 1949 and production notes "1 dos fait tiré ...", indicating a satisfactory final result to make the reproductions; a spectacular technical cliché of the highest grade of importance and rarity.



80044 France – Second Empire issue 1f, one glass support cliché with a beautiful tête-bêche pair, image reversed, in an enticing greenish-blue shade which is most unusual for a Sperati item, also one paper with a trial print of partial cancellation numeral 73; a production item of the highest rarity and one of just a few tête-bêche clichés on glass from this issue, here with the accompanying cancellation. 400 - 800



80045 France, Postage Dues – 1859, 10c, 40c, four clichés, incl. one master glass cliché for the 40c with comprehensive technical scribbling by the reproduction artiste (worth further study) and dating July 1947, 10c represented by two glass clichés, both mirror image and negative, and a very fine impression on paper; an important and very rare documentation of Sperati's work on the French due stamps.

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80046 France, Postage Dues – 1859, 10c, 60c, four glass support clichés, incl. negative clichés for the 10c and 60c and one mounted 60c cliché in turquoise and another in light brown, also two celluloids of 10c red-brown and 60c gray-brown, also a paper of the 10c in black trial print; an important and very scarce documentation of Sperati's work on the French due stamps.

400 - 600



80047 France, Laureated Empire – 5fr, a group of six production elements, incl. one very attractive finished reproduction with numeral 2387 (of Monaco; with Sperati horizontal pencil line on back which he appears to have applied to this issue). Three glass support clichés without value insert and with image reversal, one in black with note "Contraste Pathé", indicating the Pathé celluloid used, two in vermilion, also one proof in the colour of the original on paper with production annotations below design, and a vermilion impression on celluloid with notes about the violet filter used in manufacture; a unique and important group for the production of the top value.



80048 France, Laureated Empire – 5fr, a small group of three production elements for the top value, including a magnificent mirror image exposure without value tablet in vibrant bright red, and a similar in black, both with Sperati's production notes, also a finished reproduction (type A of the five types that Sperati produced); a very important group for the production of the French top value.

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France – Bordeaux issue, 2c, a group containing four glass clichés, incl. a single stamp impression in gray dated June 1948 with Sperati's production notations at base, another single in brown with notations about exposure time and temperature, a brightly-coloured brown block of four with reversed image, showing technical notes at bottom and dating Aug 1948, and another block of four with impression in a faint gray shade, also a single celluloid fragment with imperfect impressions of four stamps. A remarkable and attractive small range of production items for the famous Bordeaux issue. 700 - 1'400



80050 France – Bordeaux issue, 2c, blocks of four, one attractive negative glass cliché, and a glass support in brown-cinnemon, dated Feb 1948, also a cliché on celluloid in a light gray-brown; three spectacular and very rare clichés of this popular French classic.



80051 France, Bordeaux issue - a small group of glass clichés and accompanying cancellations; 2c one attractive cliché of block of four on glass in red-brown with Sperati notations at base "C VII" and "272", as well as a cliché of the single 2c, also celluloid clichés of the numeral cds 2387 (Monaco) one in negative and with reversed image, and a paper of two impressions of 2387 cds with notes on back, colour trial, and dating Nov 1943. A fine small set of stamp reproductions and cancellations.

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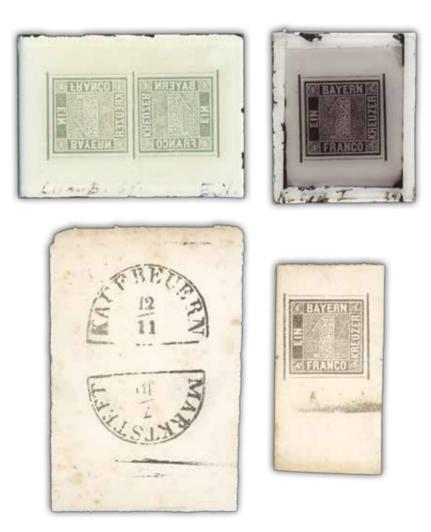
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80052 German States, Baden – 1862-66 18kr, two glass suppoirt clichés with reversed image, one with technical annotation "voile temp fort" and exposure time, a fine matching pair ahowing very detailed impression in black and light brown; very rare with nothing similar in Sperati's "Ultimate" collection or the Postal Museum in Paris.

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80053 German States, Bavaria – 1849 1kr group of twelve production items, including four glass support clichés, one dated April 1945 and one tête-bêche pair, two clichés on celluloid coloured gray around the design, also three very fine impressions on paper; additionally, postmark trials on slips of paper, incl. numbers 20, 152, 313, 363, and datemarks of Bayreuth, Marktsteft, and Kaufbeuern. An impressive group of clichés and cds to produce the first stamp of Germany, only one single cliché is found in the "Ultimate" collection and the Musée de la Poste of Paris possesses only six clichés or matrices for all Gerrman states.

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80054 German States, Bavaria – 1849 1kr group of nine production items, including four glass support clichés, including one in bright red with production notations at base, and two matching clichés in black and gray, two matching clichés on celluloid, dated Feb 1945 displaying varying notes relating to the filter used and one chosen as satisfactory result for making reproductions, also a celluloid cliché for a Munchen pm and one glass cliché with numeral cds 20, 152.313, 363. The final element is a complete finished reproduction of the stamp type A (of the three types produced) with forged cancel 220. An impressive group of clichés and cds to produce the 1kr, showing the process from clichés to finished reproduction, only one single cliché is found in the "Ultimate" collection and the Musée de la Poste of Paris possesses only six clichés or matrices for all German states. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for photographic celluloid of the ORTAS brand.

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80055 German States, Bavaria – 1849 1kr a very fine group of six production items, including one attractive glass support cliché in black with reversed image and with Sperati's production notes at base that detail aspects of exposure, such as temperature, duration, and chemical composition, also a similar exposure in light vermilion on celluloid with annotations, and a negative on celluloid (dated July 1950), with a very fine trial impression in black on thick paper. Additionally a cliché of semi-circular Bayreuth cds on gray celluloid. Finally a rare finished reproduction type B with wing margin at left and obliterated by numeral 175. An impressive, rare, and diverse group of cliché, celluloids, and cds to produce the first stamp of Germany.

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80056 German States, Bavaria – 1849 1kr, a finished reproduction (type C of the three types produced) on piece with stamp struck by MUNCHEN/26 Jul 1850; forged stamp and forged postmark mounted on an original letter part with some German correspondence on back; very rare and attractive.

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80057 German States, Bavaria - 1849 1kr, a beautiful glass support cliché with a very sharp impression in light-gray of the tête-bêche, in type C of the three types that Sperati produced, an extremely attractive and tidy cliché that displays beautifully; Sperati produced tête-bêche pairs and strips, that were complete fabrications and had forged cancellations, a cliché on glass of the highest rarity, with nothing similar preserved in the "Ultimate" collection or the Musée de la Poste of Paris.

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- 80058 German States, Bremen – 1856 5sgr, one reversed image cliché on celluloid in vermilion, Sperati's preferred 150 - 300 colour for good photographic exposure, a fascinating working cliché with annotations pertaining to the Verichrome film used, the violet filter, and various other production aspects; a very rare working cliché from which Sperati worked to produce his finished reproduction through the process of photolithography.
- 80059 German States, Bremen - 1856 5sgr, one spectacular negative reversed image cliché block of four on translucent glass with black border around, featuring one very unusual flaw white spot on one stamp that is marked "47 fixé" (perhaps referring to year 1947), also "taches verre chassis" with an arrow pointing to the black border; a unique cliché featuring Sperati's working notes.



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80060 German States, Hannover – 1860 10gr, two glass support clichés of extraordinary beauty, one in a radiant green (mirror image) dated Aug 1935 with Sperati's production annotations relarting to exposure time and temperature, and an impression on thick glass in vermilion, also a small group of cancellation trials on paper, with production notes in pencil, incl. Hannover circular datestamp, Blumenthal circular, linecancels of Emden, Lehe, Ritzebuttel; a unique selection that displays the pairing of stamp and postmark.

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80061 German States, Hannover - 1861 10gr two glass clichés, one in black and one in the radiant vermilion colour that Sperati preferred for optimum contrast, showing hand-painted surround and comprehensive production notes at base, specifying temperature, chemical composition and exposure duration; a very attractive pair of clichés.

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glass support cliché and one printing trial with reversed image in a radiant rose pin and with Sperati's technical annotations; very rare, with only one finished reproduction of Lübeck being offered in the "Ultimate" collection sale of Sperati.

German States, Lübeck - 1859 two items featuring the face value error "Zwei ein Halb", one thick





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80063 German States, Oldenburg – 1855-61 issues, fourteen components of Sperati's production, comprising: 1'500 - 2'500

- **1855 1/3sgr**: four glass clichés, in gray and black with technical notes at base relating to the violet filter used, chemical composition and exposure time.
- 1859 2gr: four glass clichés in deep red, vermilion and light red, all with manufacture notations at base, and a black negative cliché, and a trial impression in black on paper, also a cliché on celluloid with notes about the Agfa film used
- **Cancellations**: four cds of ELSFLETH, LOHNE and OLDENBURG in blue-green on celluloid, with notes about the Verichrome film and dating.

A unique set that has not equivalent in the "Ultimate" collection or the Musée de la Poste of Paris. This lot comes with Sperati's cardboard box for photographic paper produced by the Lumière Brothers.



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80064 German States, Oldenburg – 1859-61, 1/3gr one finished reproduction, unused (type A) and 2gr; one finished reproduction, unused (type A), both signed Jean Sperati in pencil on back, also two celluloid clichés, one of each value, 1/3gr in vermilion and with production notes, the 2gr in black, both with image reversed; a fine and unique group of matching celluloids and finished stamp reproductions.



80065 German States, Oldenburg – 1861, 2gr one negative master cliché dated July 1941, and a thick glass support cliché with an exposure in vermilion, also two fine clichés on celluloid, in brown (dated 1941) and vermilion (mirror image), the colour that Sperati often preferred for optimum contrast, one cliché with Sperati's handwritten production comments; a fine group that includes the key master cliché on the basis of which the finished reproduction was produced.

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80066 German States, Saxony – 1850 3pf, group of thirteen objects, comprising 4 glass support clichés, two in red, one dated Aug 1941 with production notes at top and base, and another noting exposure time and temperature, five clichés on celluloid, one with integrated cds numeral 2, with comprehensive notes written by Sperati about the celluloid used (Pathé), temperature and exposure time, also four photographic fragments with postmarks Zittau, Plauen, mute circular and numerals 2 and 83, one with note "voile bien vio" denoting the violet filter used in photolithography; a unique and visually attractive range of materials used in the reproduction of this iconic classic stamp. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for photographic celluloid "Plaque l'Intensive".



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German States, Saxony – 1850 3pf, group of two beautiful glass support clichés, one in red-vermilion with dating March 1945 and Sperati's characteristic production notes written around the area of design, also a very fine glass with an impression of the stamp in a luminous white-gray. Five cancellation trials include a gray celluloid with two Leipzig datestamps, and four papers with working proofs of mute circular bar cds, numeral 15, Leipzig datemarks, and oval Leipzig datemark, all with Sperati's production annotations. An extremely fine assembly that demonstrates the importance of the correct cancellations and the attention that Sperati bestowed on every aspect of his reproductions; unique, very fine, and deserving of further study.

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80068 German States, Saxony – 1850 3pf, small group of four items, including two glass support clichés in black and red, and two clichés on celluloid in red, one mounted on thick cardboard and marked "Pathé", denoting the type of film used, and one smeared with vermilion colour around the design and with production annotations; a unique working lot of Sperati towards this world-famous German issue.

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- 80069 German States, Saxony 1850 3pf, one glass support cliché in black on translucent glass dated Aug 1941, with a very detailed impression and integrated cds, and one beautiful cliché with image reversal on celluloid in red vermilion and note "fort Pathé" denoting the Pathé brand of celluloid used by Sperati, a very fine pair of working clichés.
 80070 German States, Saxony 1850 3pf one splendid celluloid cliché with a reversed image impression in 250 500
- a refulgent red-vermilion with some decorative production notes at base, a very fine and rare cliché of the sort that Sperati worked on in preparation for the finished stamp reproduction; displaying well as an example of Sperati's high-quality reproduction.

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80071 Great Britain – 1840 Penny Black Official VR, an outstanding group of ten glass clichés, all lettered **10'000 - 15'000** PE, in a startling array of colours, including red, gray-blue, light gray, brown, three in negative, one is a true Sperati working cliché that includes manuscript notation about exposure, filter, chemicals, and temperature; the Penny Black VR official has not been mentioned in the literature on Sperati; this is a major discovery associated with the most iconic stamp of worldwide philately and this assembly of different exposures can never be replicated.



6'000
 Great Britain – 1840 Penny Black Official VR, an incomparable group of seven items, comprising five glass clichés (one with mirror image), all lettered PE, one in red and two in black with razor-sharp impression, also a black impression on transparent celluloid paper, and a faint gray impression on celluloid. The Penny Black official has not been mentioned in the literature on Sperati; this is a major discovery associated with this most iconic stamp of worldwide philately.

6'000 - 10'000



80073 Great Britain – 1840 Penny Black Official VR, one glass cliché in red and one in black, both lettered PE, with razor-sharp impression. The Penny Black VR official has not been mentioned in the literature on Sperati; this is a matching pair of the highest beauty and rarity. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for photographic paper of the Lumière Brothers brand.

3'000 - 5'000



80074 Great Britain – 1880 2s Queen Victoria, group of five glass clichés of position KJ, incl. one cliché painted 3' with brown surround to focus the light, also a cliché in the red-brown colour, with varying production annotations showing Sperati experimenting with differing levels of light exposure to achieve the most desirable result; a unique range towards the production of this famous stamp.

3'000 - 5'000



80075 Great Britain – 1880 2s Queen Victoria, group of three glass clichés of position KJ, incl. a cliché in red-brown, black, and a most unusual dark, steely blue, the latter with dating Oct 1951 and a note "tiré" denoting a satisfactory result to make the finished reproduction, also two clichés on celluloid with mirror image in shades of brown, one with Sperati's pencil arrows to indicate retouching needed; a unique range in the two media of glass and celluloid towards the production of this famous stamp.

1'500 - 3'000

300 - 500

1'500 - 3'000



80076 Hungary – 1871 2kr reversed image impression in black on photographic paper with manufacture notes, and 3kr red-brown glass support cliché together with Sperati's paper wrapping for this Hungary 3kr; an exceptional pair of the highest rarity, only one single 3kr reproduction was included in the Sperati "Ultimate" collection.



80077 India – 1854-1882 Queen Victoria, a fascinating and wide-ranging group of reproduction materials for stamps and postmarks, comprising a unique exposure on glass of the mute barred diamond cds used on the 1854 4 anna stamp (the only known Sperati object that incorporates this issue), one glass cliché of 2a 1856, three glass clichés of 1r 1882 in black and brown with production notes, also four clichés on celluloid of the 1r, of which three are in negative exposure in a radiant deep brown. The cancellation elements include a glass plate of mute barred cds and a cds on paper with Sperati's notes, also one glass cliché with overprint "CHAMBA STATE" for use on a Queen Victoria stamp; a spectacular range of 12 items with some unique objects, revealing Sperati's complex and wide-ranging work with the early India issues.

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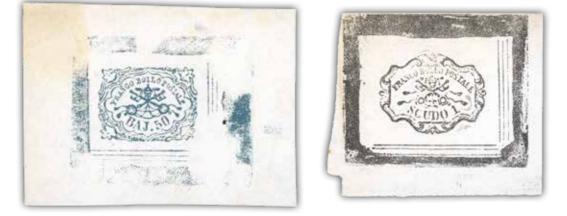


80078 India – 1882-89, 1r, the un-overprinted design used by Sperati in a group of five items, including an attractive celluloid cliché coloured black around the design for optimum contrast, and two celluloid clichés with reverse image in black and some notations, also two fine glass support clichés on different coloured backgrounds; unique components of stamp production with nothing similar in other collections or archives.

600 - 1'000



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- 80079 Italian States, Naples 1860 issue 1/2t one glass support cliché with mirror image, with production notes around area of design and dating "7/38" indicating July 1938. An attractive piece of supportive production material.



80080 Italian States, Papal States – 1852 issue 50b and 1s, 50b working trial in blue on thin paper, and two proofs of the 1s top value with impression in black; three attractive production elements impressed on very thin paper.

350 - 500



80081 Italian States, Parma – 1859 "Provisional Government" 80c, 5 production items, incl. two glass support clichés with mirror image, one coloured black around the area of design and one red, together with accompanying proof impressions on paper in black and red, one dated June 1924 and thus a very early Sperati production, also one fine impression on translucent onionskin paper, a very attractive set.

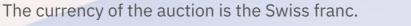
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80082 Italian States, Sardinia – 1851-63 issue 3l, two glass support clichés, clear impression in redvermilion and one in dark brown with mirror image, with interesting production notations at top and base and coloured around the area of design in order to concentrate light. 200 - 400

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Italian States, Sardinia – 1861 3 lire, group of four items, including three glass support clichés, of which two in red-vermilion and one negative cliché in black, also one exposure trial on photographic paper; a unique range and additionally being a stamp which was unknown in private collections, with only the reproduction of a matrix from the Musée de la Poste of Paris in the Sperati II handbook. 500 - 750



80084 Italian States, Sicily – 1859 5g reversed image impression on celluloid papoer, with production **200 - 400** annotations at base; no similar example found in the "Ultimate" collection.



80085 Italian States, Sicily – 1859, 1/2gr, 50gr very attractive selection of three glass support clichés in black and vermilion on coloured glass together with a very faint ("albino") impression on glass, also one trial proof of the ½gr on paper numbered "3"; a very attractive little group with no similar example found in the "Ultimate" collection.

500 - 750







80086

- 80086 Luxembourg a single glass cliché featuring two postmarks, PD in frame and circular datemark Luxembourg 8 Dec 1861, with copious production notes in Sperati's hand and dating Apr 1951, together with a celluloid fragment with the same constellation; a unique pair of glass and photographic paper developed for Luxemburg stamps of the 1858-60 issue.
- 80087Luxembourg 1859-60, one glass support cliché for the FRANCO in oval cancellation; a beautiful100 200sepia pm cliché.



80088 Malaysian States, Sungei Ujong – 1878-1881 overprint "SUNGEI UJONG" for the Straits Settlement 2, 4, and 8 c issues, a comprehensive range of 14 items, incl. three glass support clichés (one dated March 1932) with C*SU (red) and C*P (black) overprints, and 11 impressions on wove paper with dates from Oct 1931-July 1935 showing experimentation with colours, richly annotated by Sperati. A fascinating range that takes us inside the reproduction artist's workshop.

Note: The Sperati II handbook notes the existence of these overprints, based on an article in the local "Arts et Mémoire" magazine from Aix-les-Bains (Sperati's place of residence), whose author was Lucette Blanc, a friend of Sperati's daughter, Yvonne. No material has been confirmed in Sperati I and Sperati II handbooks, so this lot provides the proof that Sperati also sought to reproduce these stamps.

600 - 1'000



80089 Malta – 1869 1/2d, proof on thick paper with purple "Reproduction Interdite" above impression and Sperati's pencil signature below; a most decorative and scarce proof for a stamp that Sperati reproduced as unused copies only. 200 - 400

NOTES

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A Guide to the Handwritten notes by Sperati:

- 'Alpha': type of celluloid from the brand Ilford, a preferred type for Sperati and which was not available during the restrictions of WWII as an English brand, so during the period of the war it is no longer found
- 'Calor': brand of the lamp used for the light exposure in some instances (Sperati also used the sunlight)
- 'Isopan': a type of celluloid from Agfa
- · 'Tiré': denotes a satisfactory final result to make the reproductions
- · 'Veri': abbreviation of Verichrome, a type of film or celluloid from Kodak
- · 'Voile vio': refers to the violet filter used to obtain better contrasts in lithography
- Three figures with multiplier symbol, i.e. "18° x 5% x 2'30" ": 5% of application of a chemical substance, a light exposure of 2 mins 30 secs in a room with an environmental temperature of 18°C.

The painted or retouched surround, mainly found in master negatives but also in some clichés, was applied with the purpose of not allowing the light to diffuse laterally in the process of obtaining the reproduction.

corner, the secret marking that the Royal Philatelic Society put on reproductions to tell them apart from the genuine stamps. A stunning set of two matching pairs of this most iconic Sperati production, hitherto unrecorded, housed in Sperati's cardboard box of photographic paper from the Lumière brothers. Additional note on rarity and relevance: Nothing about the "Post Paid" was recorded in the Sperati II handbook by Robson Lowe and Carl Walske, and no examples were found in the Musée de la Poste of Paris.

red that was used for the 1d value; the red is dated 3/51, indicating March 1951 and the blue has some partially erased production notes on reverse that probably pertain to exposure time and temperature. Also two glass clichés of the same 2d value in very light red and in greenish-blue (with image reversed) with some production notes. It is worthy of note that the 2d value has the tiny thin line in the bottom right





80090



80091 Mauritius – 1847 "Post Office" 2d, two beautiful essays on cardboard, one in a deep blue colour on a large paper without annotations on reverse, the other shows a weaker imprint bottom right with some partially erased notes on reverse, incl. "essai 5", the essay shows the thin horizontal line in the lower right corner ornament (dating to 1912 and a feature of the later reprints), which Sperati appears to have been unaware of. A beautiful pair of extremely rare essays of one of the world's most famous stamps, in two distinct shades.

5'000 - 10'000



80092 Mauritius – 1847 "Post Office" 2d, Sperati's proof on cardboard in a rich and deep blue with very sharp impression. It is worthy of note that the 2d value has the tiny line in the bottom right corner, the secret marking that the Royal Philatelic Society put on the reproductions to tell them apart from the genuine stamps. An extremely rare and hitherto unrecorded proof, no more than seven proofs are known in a range of colours. This lot is housed in Sperati's cardboard box of photographic paper from the Lumière brothers.

5'000 - 7'500

this famous stamp, comprising seven glass clichés in the various colours preferred by Sperati to create good contrasts, four clichés on celluloiud showing experimentation with colour shades, also proofs on medium wove paper, one exhibiting a double impression in black, with Sperati's note "2/1"; a truly remarkable selection that shows the progression of the matrix from glass clichés to experimental impression. The lot is housed in Sperati's box "Nouvelles Plaques Eclair, Papiers Photographiques".

Additional note on rarity and relevance: Nothing about the "Post Paid" was recorded in the Sperati II handbook by Robson Lowe and Carl Walske, and no examples were found in the Musée de la Poste of Paris.

80093 Mauritius - 1848 "Post Paid" 1d, a spectacular assembly of twelve items for the production process of 10'000 - 15'000











80094 Mauritius – 1848 "Post Paid" 1d, an attractive group of four items, comprising one glass cliché with impression in vermilion, and two proofs on paper, in black (numbered "117") and in red-vermilion, also one glass cliché of the PAID in circle cds in negative coloured dark brown. A spectacular assembly of proofs, cliché and the accompanying postmark, unique as such and of the highest rarity. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for photographic paper of the Lumière brand.

2'000 - 5'000



Mexico – 1895 5p group of six items, comprising one master cliché on glass painted red and yellow around the design, and five tidy and attractive glass clichés in an array of colours like vermilion, dark brown and grayish brown, one plate with manuscript production note that includes "+ fort"; a unique and spectacular group of clichés in remarkably precise design and attractive shades.

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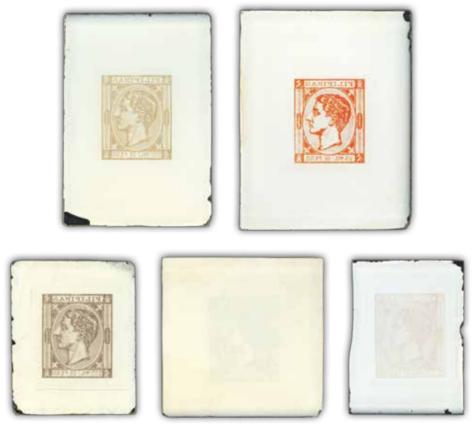
Persia – 1870 2 shahis Lion Issue, group of seven items, one glass support cliché in black and three additional glass clichés prepared for impression but left blank (marked "Perse"), two impressions on photographic paper showing experimentation with exposure, also a black proof on paper; **an important range of production material for the Persia first issue; the "Ultimate" collection had only one finished reproduction and no working proofs.**

800 - 1'200



80097 Philippines (Spanish Colonies) – 1855-75, group of seven glass clichés, comprising 1855 5c one cliché in negative, one in black with image reversed, and a very faint but sharp impression in light gray, all are type B of the two types that Sperati produced, 1875 25m, one negative glass cliché and a glass with sharp impression in light brown, 200m one cliché in dark brown and one in faint brown with image reversal; a unique group featuring glass clichés in varied colours, very attractive and fine.

700 - 1'500



80098 Philippines (Spanish Colonies) – 1863-79, five glass support clichés of the 25m and 200m values, showing varying colours, from very faint impression, to brown and deep red; a visually impressive range of glass clichés.
 500 - 700



4'000 - 6'000

Romania – 1858 "Bull's Head" 108p seven glass clichés, incl. one negative cliché and clichés in blue, light and dark brown, black, and an exceptionally thick glass (such as we have never seen before) with a slightly defective impression in ochre, also two clichés on celluloid with reverse impression in black and white on coloured paper (one dated Sep 1941 and with Sperati's notes about Agfa celluloid), additionally one glass cliché with a faint impression of Bakeu circular datestamp; **a wonderful and unique group of production tools for Sperati's reproduction of one of the true classics of worldwide philately. Nothing similar is found in the "Ultimate" collection or the Musée de la Poste of Paris. This lot comes with Sperati's own cardboard box for photographic paper of the Lumière brand.**

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80100 Romania - 1858 "Bull's Head" 108p, small group of five items, three glass clichés in vermilion and black and one negative coloured black all around, also two paper fragments with very fine trials of Jassy cds in black, dated Jan 1945; a decorative and very scarce range where the stamp exposures are enhanced with the trial proofs for the impressed cancellations.

1'500 - 2'000



- 1'500 3'000
- 80101 Romania - 1871 10b issue, two glass clichés in black and vermilion, both with mirror image and production notes at base, noting chemicals used and exposure duration, and one impression on celluloid dated Mar 1941, also a range of Galatz, Jassy, and Bakeu postmarks used for the early Romanian issues, on paper, celluloid and glass clichés; an important and impressive range of production materials with clippings from an auction catalogue, from which Sperati appears to have sourced his pm designs. A very important range of clichés and the accompanying cancellations; no clichés were known to the B.P.A. or the Musée de la Poste of Paris, and nothing but finished reproductions are found in the "Ultimate" collection.

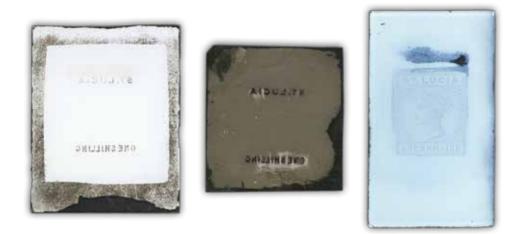


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- 80102Russian Levant 1865 R.O.P.I.T. issue, 2k, two clichés on celluloid featuring the two design elements
for the finished reproduction, one in vermilion and the other the inset tablet in turquoise, dated July
1948 and displaying Sperati's production notes "Agfa voile vio" to indicate the type of celluloid used
and the violet filter used to achieve the best contrast. An exceptional and visually impressive pair, with
a single additional cliché recorded by the B.P.A. with the same date.300 500
- 80103St. Kitts-Nevis 1882 6d Victoria issue, a previously unknown complete copper plate engraving of
the 6d value; unique, an important proof that Sperati worked with copper engraving in addition to his
standard photolithography production.200 400



80104 St Lucia – 1885 1s, three glass support clichés, one (damaged) dated "25/3" with manuscript notes on exposure and the filter used, and three glass clichés of the country and denomination tablets, also two clichés on celluloid paper together with five papers with trial impressions of the value and country tablets (with instructions on the Ilford celluloid used and colours). A unique and comprehensive group of thirteen items that shows Sperati's process of integrating design and value tablets.



St Lucia – 1885 1s one glass support cliché and a glass cliché featuring the country and value tablets at the top and base of design, also exposure of the "St. Lucia" and "One Shilling" on celluloid film with extensive retouching around value tablet. **A unique trio with very few such elements known in private hands.**

200 - 400



80106San Marino - 1892-1907 overprint "Cmi. 5", engraved copper plate of the overprint elements; a unique
engraved plate that documents a production process other than Sperati's usual photolithography.2

200 - 500



80107 Spain – 1850 first issue, important assembly of eight glass clichés for the 10r value, incl. one attractive celluloid cliché mounted between panes of glass dated Feb 1941 with image reversal and notations at base noting the Agfa photographic film used and the duration of light exposure, and a range of glass clichés showing a range of colours, also a paper dated March 1930 with two impressions of the postmark and production notes surrounding (one impression seems to have been rejected), also five proofs on paper in shades of green ranging from apple green to bluish green; an extraordinary and unique group, only one glass cliché was included in the "Ultimate" collection.

1'000 - 2'000



80108 Spain – 1851 2r, a small lot of production materials for only the 1851 2r issue, comprising six glass clichés in various colours of black, vermilion, and deep red-brown, some with production notes around the area of design and some with border coloured dark to focus the light in photographic exposure. A unique and attractive high-quality series of glass support clichés that provide a fascinating glimpse into Sperati's photolithographic reproduction process.

600 - 1'000

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600 - 1'000

80109 Spain – 1851 2r, a small lot of production materials for only the 1851 2r issue, comprising two trial exposures in deep vermilion on photographic paper with striking colour sampling also, two proofs on thin paper in the same radiant vermilion colour, also four trial proofs on paper in black and black-gray, one dated Dec 1937 with manufacturing notes at base; a unique range that provides a fascinating glimpse into the Sperati reproduction process.



80110 Spain – 1852 Isabella issue, 2r, 5r, 6r, five glass clichés, incl. one dated March 1944 with comprehensive production notes around the area of design, a 2r with black surround to concentrate the light, and a cliché of the 5r in red with a most unflattering portrait of the queen and a rather poor reproduction, also one celluloid trial exposure in pale-red with notes at base "voile vio" referring to the violet filter used to obtain optimum contrast in lithography; a unique and visually attractive range of documentation for Sperati's production of this issue.

450 - 750

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80111 Spain, Local Post Madrid – 1853 3cu, three items, one trial exposure on transparent photographic paper with annotations at base noting application of an unspecified chemical, an exposure time of 1min. 30s and at 15 degrees temperature, another exposure also on celluloid with image reversed, and a fine glass support cliché with mirror image in black. A very fine and unique range of production materials for this rare stamp.

300 - 500



Spain – 1854 Coat of Arms, 4c, 1r, four items, incl. three glass support clichés in different shades and

one trial exposure of the 1r on celluloid with Sperati's production annotations regarding the Agfa film

300 - 500

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80112

used and colouring; a unique group.







80113 Spain – 1865 1r Queen Isabella II and 1874 10p allegory of justice, eleven trial prints in black, gray, and brown on oblong strips of paper, all numbered by Sperati and with abundant technical annotations, some with Sperati's characteristic fingerprint colour trials; **a truly unique and visually impressive group of working essays, with generous notations that merit much further study, ideal for the specialist.**

400 - 600



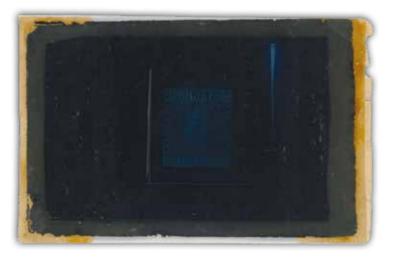
80114 Spanish Colonies, Río de Oro – 1907 4p in se-tenant pair with 3p, three trial proofs with impression in black on paper, one impression painted black around the area of design to concentrate the light, also an impression of the pair on blued paper. A scarce set of three trial productions towards Sperati's final manufacture of the 4p error of colour; a scarce documentation of this issue on which Sperati worked through both photo-lithography and typography using engraved copper plate.

200 - 400



80115 Spanish Colonies, Río de Oro – 1907 4p in se-tenant pair with 3p, three clichés with impression in black on thin paper, two impressions painted black around the area of design to concentrate the light, also a single impression on paper of the 3p value. Important production elements towards Sperati's final production of the 4p error of colour; a scarce documentation of this issue on which Sperati worked through lithographic process and engraved copper plate.





80116 Sweden – 1855, 3sk master negative with painted surround to concentrate the light in optimum fashion, together with a glass support cliché of the 24sk with mirror image in black and production notes at base relating to exposure time, also a clean glass cliché in vermilion, again with reversed image. A very impressive range of production elements towards Sweden's first issue, including the essential master negative.

2'000 - 4'000

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Sweden - 1855, 3sk one cliché on celluloid vermilion and with mirror image, displaying Sperati's 80117 production notes at base "cliché 4/49 voile vio Agfa", specifying the celluloid type and violet filter used in production, also two glass support clichés of the 24sk with reversed image in vermilion and with further production annotations and dating April 1941. A spectacular set, that includes Sperati's paper wrapping for the 3sk impression on film dated April 1949. The lot is housed in Sperati's cardboard box of photographic papers labelled "Gelatino Bromure, Duvau".

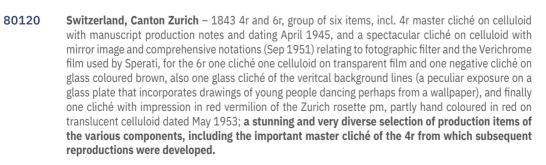
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80118 Sweden - 1855, 3sk two glass support clichés, one with note "Essai 83" and the other with faint 1'000 - 1'500 impression "pose insuff. 3°", also two fine clichés of the 24sk, one with mirror image in an attractive vermilion and date Jan 1937, and a cliché on celluloid marked by Sperati "36 trop d 13". A very fine and scarce group of five items that shows Sperati experimenting with exposure and colours in preparation for the finished reproduction of the world-famous 3sk yellow.



80119 Sweden – 1889 Official 10ö, black cliché on film, showing image reversal and production notes at base pertaining to exposure time and chemicals used, also dating "8/41"; exceptionally rare documentation of the production, with no other clichés reported in other private collections.



1'500 - 3'000













80121 Switzerland, Canton Geneva – 1843 Double Geneva, one glass cliché in black with integrated cancellation Geneva type II rosette, and one celluloid cliché featuring a working impression dated Oct 1949 and notes relating to the Isopan type of Agfa celluloid Sperati used, also two very thick glass clichés of company markings that Sperati must have used to produce complete forged envelopes, these include "Lombard, Odier & Co. Geneve" and "E. Bouniol Neg. Geneve"; a very unusual lot that includes the reproduced company markings used to convincingly forge entire letters, unique

500 - 1'000







80122 Switzerland, Canton Geneva – 1845 small eagle issue, one master cliché on celluloid, dated Sep 1949, and a glass support cliché dated March 1951 with production notes at base, also one cliché in light green on celluloid; a unique group that includes the master cliché from which the finished reproductions were produced.



1'500 - 3'000

80123 Switzerland, Canton Basel – 1845 "Basel Dove" 2 ½rp, four production items that include a celluloid strip of the dove image in negative dated June 1953, and two celluloid clichés of the frame to be printed in black in the actual stamp, one in a radiant vermilion and one in black (both colours preferred by Sperati for the best contrast) with production notes dated June 1951, indicating an exceptionally long exposure time of 5 mins 30 secs, also a negative of the border to be printed in blue dated Jan 1953; an eloquent testimony to one of Sperati's most sophisticated productions that required three printing clichés and embossing, very few items survive in private hands for the production of this world-famous stamp.



80124 Switzerland, Waadt – 1849 5c, one single glass support cliché with image reversed and without the central cross that was printed separately, a working cliché that incorporates Sperati's notes on the violet filter and Verichrome celluloid to be used, with observations about exposure times, temperature and duration, also Sperati writes a caution for his further production "pas utilisé trop dos et firs(?) – gardés"; a characteristic Sperati working cliché that incorporates many aspects of his technique, unique.





800 - 1'500

80125 Switzerland, Local and Orts Post – 1850 2 1/2r group of seven items, comprising two very interesting working clichés on celluloid with dating Feb/March 1951, and manuscript production notes, incl. "tiré" denoting a satisfactory result to be used towards the final reproduction and "sans croix", indicating that the cross should be printed separately in red, also a glass cliché coloured red-brown featuring the central cross (dated Dec 1949) and two paper pieces with the cross printing in red; the cancellation elements include one glass cliché with two impressions of mute grid square cds and one working paper with a handdrawn mute grid cds and the "P P" (on reverse is an impression of the 1843 Zurich 6r and a fingerprint vermilion colour trial). A unique and very diverse group of the different elements that went into the production of this Swiss classic.



80126 Tobago – 1880 6d, two extremely scarce glass support clichés, one in ochre and one in bluish-black, both with image reversal and coloured around the area of design to concentrate the light; two of just a handful of glass clichés in private hands, used by Sperati to manufacture his used reproductions on genuine watermarked paper which had the original design removed.



80127 Uganda – 1896 5 rupees, six glass support clichés, two numbered "C/14", also a master negative on film and a retouched impression on celluloid (dated "9/50"), and a card with seven trial impressions on paper, including a strip of three and one marked "mal"; Sperati made proofs of the 5r in black but no finished stamp reproductions have been found. A unique experimental group from this very rare production.

400 - 700



80128 United States, New York City – 1842 City Despatch Post 3c, two celluloid clichés with mirror image in black and light gray, mounted between glass, dated Feb 1953 and Apr 1950 respectively, with Sperati's comprehensive production notes written around the design, detailing the filter used, temperature and exposure times. A pair of fascinating working clichés of the typical Sperati type, with only one reproduction on piece contained in the "Ultimate" collection.

700 - 1'400



80129 United States, New York City – 1845, 5c Postmaster's Provisional: three reverse image glass clichés (two identical dated March 1953) in black and gray, two with production notations pertaining to the Isopan type of celluloid from Agfa that Sperati used, also one exceptional cliché on celluloid paper dated March 1950 with Sperati's attempt at replicating the postmaster's "ACM" initials, displaying extensive notations about the type of celluloid film to be used for correct reproduction; additionally one celluloid with cds "Paid" in arc, hand-painted black around the lettering. An exceptional and multifaceted group for the production of the early NY City post.



80130 United States, Providence – 1846 Postmaster's Provisional, one cliché on photographic paper exhibiting very clear impression in vermilion, displaying characteristic manufacture notes at base "Pathé" for the type of celluloid used, notes on temperature, and a date of March 1951. A very attractive and rare production element, with no proof of any kind in the « Ultimate » collection. Includes Sperati's original paper wrapping for this cliché.

200 - 400

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80131 United States, Confederate States – 1861 10c negative glass support cliché coloured black around the area of design and 1863 10c mirror image impression on celluloid paper with production annotations around the design, also cancellation Nashville Ten. on glass cliché, paper, and on negative celluloid impression with copious notations in the margin incl. date April 1953 and noting the stamp to which the cancel should be used. A very fine assembly of stamp and pm; no similar examples found in the Musée de la Poste of Paris or in Sperati's "Ultimate" collection.





80132 United States, Confederate States – 1862 and 1863 10c, two glass clichés with reverse image in red and black (dated Sep 1951), and three glass clichés of the 1863 10c in black and vermilion, also one master cliché on celluloid with manuscript production notes top and bottom; A very fine and scarce assembly with no similar examples found in the Musée de la Poste of Paris or in Sperati's "Ultimate" collection.



80133 United States, Hawaii – 1859-63, 2c group of four glass clichés and three clichés on celluloid, the celluloid includes two clichés of type F (of pos. 6), with splendid production notes, relating to the Agfa film used and aspects of temperature and duration that relate to photographic exposure, the glass comprising two negative and one brown cliché with reversed image and dating Sep 1929, also one very attractive cliché (type C) coloured black around the design to focus the light in the photolithographic process; a unique group with nothing similar in Sperati's "Ultimate" collection or the Musée de la Poste of Paris.





80134 US Possessions, Hawaii – 1863, 2c Inter-island, three elements of the manufacturing process, one negative glass cliché (showing the stamp in Sperati reproduction type C, pos. 3), one print on pelure paper (also type C), and one impression on celluloid with reversed image (reproduction type F, pos. 6) with interesting production note about the Agfa film used; a fascinating trio of the Hawaiian 2c that details the Sperati manufacturing process.



80135 Uruguay – 1856 "Diligencia" 60c and 1859 100c sun "thin figures", four glass support clichés, including one 60c. mirror image, in a very vibrant indigo, and a cliché in gray-black with a few notes in the margin, also the 1859 sun issue 60c reverse image glass cliché in gray-black with notes at base that pertain to exposure time, and a 100c reversed image exposure on gray celluloid. A very fine and tidy group of the first two iconic issues of Uruguay; we know well that the splendid design of the "Diligencia" stamp was of very special significance to Sperati, who produced it on the order of an important client, Robert Hoffmann, and incorporated it at the centre of his famous circular "Philatelie d'Art" logo.

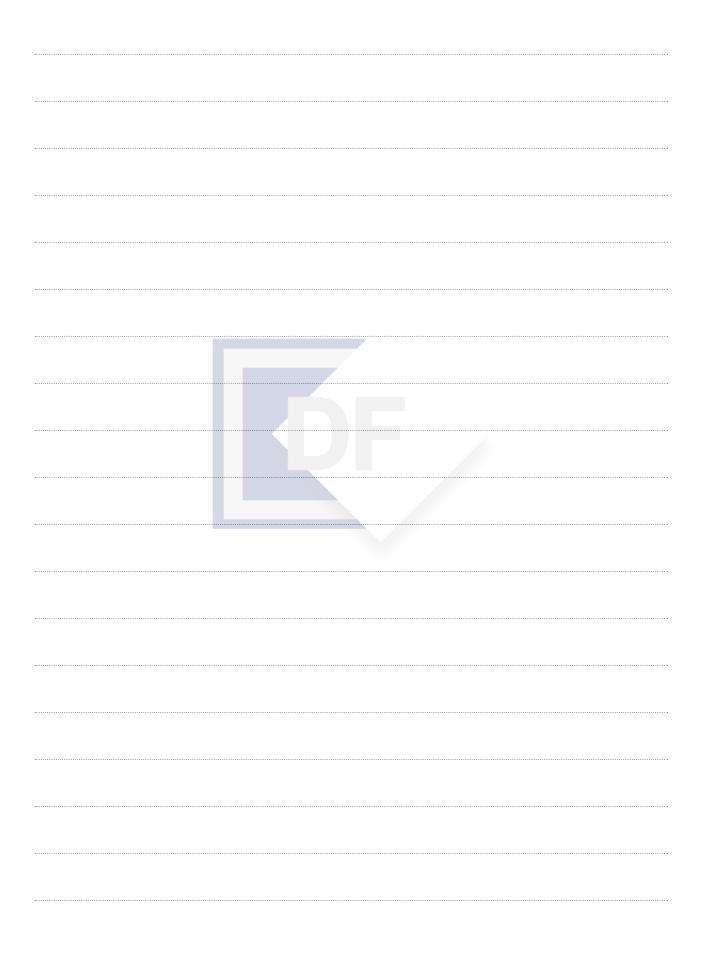


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- 80136 Uruguay 1856-59 "Diligencia" 60c and 80c, two very tidy and attractive exposures on photographic paper, the 60c in the vermilion colour so often preferred by Sperati for the very good contrast, 80c in light brown, both with very sharp impression with reversed image, also two cliches on celluloid in grey and black, additionally four small papers with cancellation trials, Montevideo oval datestamps and Paysandú oval pm with production notes around design and dating Nov 1943; a very attractive set of stamp impressions and accompanying pms. The attractive design of the "Diligencia" stamp was of course of very special significance to Sperati, who produced the stamp on order from an important client (Robert Hoffmann) and incorporated the design in his famous "Philatelie d'Art" emblem.



80137 Uruguay and Newfoundland – Uruguay 1859 180c proof on paper in green mounted on card also bearing Sperati's emblem "Philatelie d'Art" and Newfoundland 1857 1s working proof in red with very sharp impression and production notations in pencil, incl. "tiré tout" indicating a satisfactory result to make the final reproductions; two production elements mounted in a small golden frame. Probably this was Sperati's own frame in which he chose to display two stamp reproductions that were of particular significance to him, the Uruguay sun stamp that he produced to order from Robert Hoffmann and from which he derived his personal "Philatelie d'Art" emblem and the Newfoundland stamp for which reproduction artist.

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the event of error, deems that the item has been falsified, s/he may mark it accordingly; the signs "FAKE" or "FORGED" do not then constitute an alteration to the batch of philatelic items.

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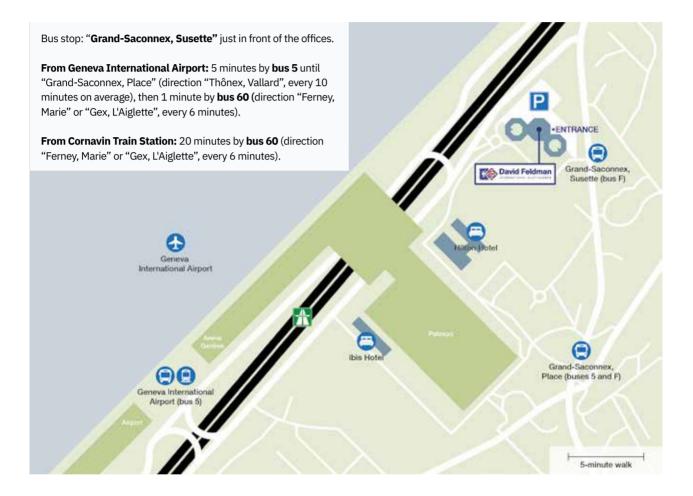
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				5'000 - 10'000:	500
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				increase my bid(s):	
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				□ 10%	
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