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The marginal artist has increased his own practices with the help of his self designed postal stamps and cancelled seals.

Although these small prints have something to do with official postage stamps, they add a lot of unaccustomed values the artist has taken from a creative land. neighboring to absurd.

The consecuence of this dynamics promotes the opening of mail-art, fastening marginal stamps with traditional postal pieces by means of this latter marriage offered as a nostalgic joint.

Notwithstanding that romantic tendences seem to be exhausted, these varying images are showing us once more, how art is always unfolding perspectives of a continuual re-change, thanks to the newest and unespected channels which alow everybody to put in practice the constant creative necessity of man.

Communication is one of the fundamental elements in every creative action and our parallel stamps and seals have this condition in their self-cultural nature. Sometimes rising from contemporary visual trends, their multiple ways of mannufacturation offer an answer to all kind of questions, — aesthetis, absurd, documental —, testifying therefore, the ideas, tendences and theories in which the author is envolved.

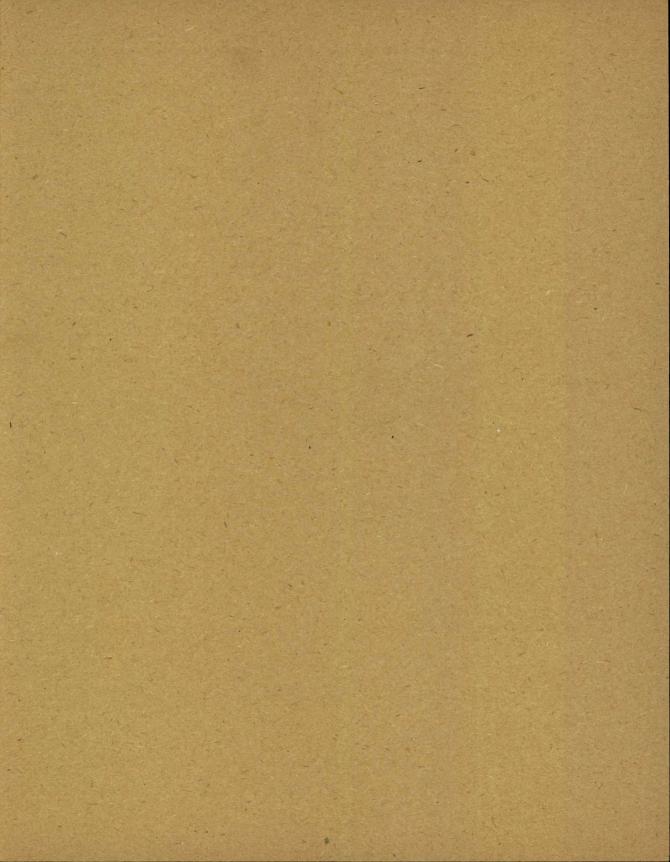
With this work we propose the analysis of a marginal-parallel-creative-philately settelted as a by-proposal to traditional methods which are guided by patterns like Scott and Yvert/Tellier Catalogues. Thus we remark that all references made about philately as a concept are implicated with a terminological re-definition in which, the only agreement we can rescue between conventional meaning and our actual practices, is the idea of joining which has to be clearly distinguished from collecting. To joint is the original action, the pure one, which has not been blamed by the "intrested" intrest of the typical collector, whom we consider to be an out of mind person, boiling himself inside the contradiction between ammussement and speculation.

For creative stamps use and function do not shape their marginality. On the contrary marginality is based in the very act of **transgression** either to the Postal Administrative Regulations or to the traditional **catallogation** collectors boast about. Creative stamps are born in the self-marginal-magma, since they start violating from their very begining, and they break definitively the clasic and official knots around which some "artists" are actually mixing up **ADVENTURE** with opportunism. Since our small prints have not any postage value, their **intrinsecal marginality** renders inmunity to all works, setting them appart from spurious manipulations suffered by some present creative practices.

Our proposal of a marginal-parallel-creative-philately springs up from the pure enjoyment of gathering without any foregoing order, making a personal assambling of the pieces which are going to be intimately shown. It is also exalting the anarchist view of an existence which begins and ends in every stamp. This idea of Gathering and Producing can be analized as an everlasting continuum which is being extended, without rules or patterns, at the very moment artist decides to go on.

Every marginal worker who fights, without congratulations, for a re-dimensioned culture is feeding, with his humble and lonely task, this absurd and utopic position. From the moment each work is denying speculation, the event of GATHERING is simply justified as an ACTION of pure CREATIVENESS.

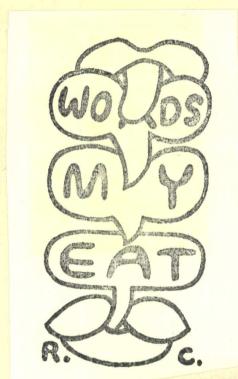
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