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**The Finnish actors' federation (SNL) centennial stamp booklet
The featured actors' comments on the stamps**

Ritva Valkama

"I was somewhat surprised and, initially, terrified when I heard that I was about to get on a stamp. My foremost thought was something akin to 'So, here we are, decorating the nation's mantelpieces'. I am happy that the stamp features a picture of my role in the play *Ihmisen osa*, a production I have been a part of for the past two years at Helsinki City Theatre. The play is based on a text by Kari Hotakainen and it is very dear to me."

Esko Salminen

"As an old philatelist, I am extremely honored to be featured on a stamp that celebrates SNL's hundred-year journey. I am proud of the federation and the stamp!"

Outi Mäkelä

"It's wonderful that SNL's history is being recognized in this way. I feel honored for being featured on the stamp. Although stamps are essentially miniature receipts, I never find them mundane. I always choose stamps carefully, regardless of whether I plan to use them on a personal or an official letter. A stamp contains a message."

Martti Suosalo

"Well – no need to fret over which stamp to use from now on when mailing contracts to theaters I work in as a visiting actor. And no need to buy stamps for a while either, for that matter."

Krista Kosonen

"I've had three things I never had the courage to even dream of and which I always thought would represent the point where there would not be much more to aspire to. So far, I have made it into crossword puzzles and onto a stamp. Since the third is to be featured as a character in the Finnish edition of Donald Duck, the list has not yet been exhausted."

Aku Hirviniemi

"You have to be satisfied to be featured in company of this caliber."
Aku Hirviniemi's comment continues in the voice of Timo Harjakainen: "I consider myself an institution and yet I was cheaper than Keke Rosberg who, back in the day, demanded that he be paid a great deal of money to be featured on a stamp."