



The Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in Rome — 1960

The commemorative medal

The sculptor, Emilio Greco, one of the greatest contemporary artists, has designed the commemorative medal in a completely unique manner worthy of the great world athletics celebration; he avoids all complicated symbolism and turns instead to the expressive clarity of the purely figurative style.

On the face of the medal is modelled a nude female figure running, and bearing the Olympic Torch with the interlaced rings, the emblem of the Olympiads, as a background. The figure moves in the circular rhythm of the medal, filling the space in perfect proportion, whilst the rings, repeating the shape of the medal, also give an impression of speed. The plastic qualities of the racing figure, although completely modern in style, yet call to mind the bursting energy of Renaissance statuary or, to an even greater extent, that of the modelling on ancient Greek coins.

On the back of the medal, the artist depicts a flight of eaglets leaving the Rome Olympic Stadium and soaring into the air. This original idea symbolizes both the victories gained during the Olympiad and their echo throughout the world.

A certain incisiveness and vibrant quality run through the composition which remains, however, a simple and charming design and

expresses with the throbbing movement of the curved wings opening out in the sky, a sense of conquest and a straining towards even further goals in the future.

Method of sale of tickets

The Organizing Committee for the Games of the XVII Olympiad has established the prices of tickets and the sales method. The total number of tickets available has been divided up between Italy and abroad in a proportion of roughly 50% each.

An initial number of tickets will be allocated to each nation which can be increased by subsequent allocations if there are further requests and sufficient tickets still available. Only officially accredited Tourist Agencies will be authorized to sell tickets; first, they will have to meet the requirements of their respective Olympic Committees, after which they will be able to sell to those persons who can show that they have accommodation in Rome for the period of the Games.

For the whole of 1959, sales will be effected on a booking basis only by means of the appropriate forms supplied by the Organization to the official Agencies.

The tickets remaining unsold at the end of the reservation period will be freely on sale during the months immediately preceding the Games. It will be possible to purchase

series of tickets valid for part or the whole of the athletics, swimming, boxing, cycling, equestrian, wrestling, weightlifting, rowing and canoeing events and for the basketball finals.

Every ticket is valid for one session only, i.e. for either the morning, afternoon or evening event, except in the case of rowing, canoeing, equestrian, fencing, modern pentathlon and shooting events when the tickets will be valid for the whole day.

The prices vary from a minimum of Lire: 300 for the cheapest places for some of the rowing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian, shooting and hockey events and for the finish of the Marathon, to a maximum of Lire: 6,000 for first class tickets for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the Boxing finals. It will be possible to attend at least one event of every sport in the programme for the sum of Lire: 500.

As soon as possible a complete list of tickets and relative prices will be issued in Italy and abroad through the officially accredited Tourist Agencies. The list will be available on request to the Organizing Committee for the Games. During the whole of 1959, sales will be effected solely on a reservation basis. The actual tickets will be distributed at the beginning of 1960.

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