

FILATELIC PHORGERS JEAN DE SPERATI

THE MASTER FORGER 1884 - 1957



Jean De Sperati was without question, the most technically competent forger of the twentieth century. He learnt the trade from his mother and two elder brothers, Massimo and Mariano. However, because of his deep interest in chemistry and related technologies, Jean's products ultimately surpassed all others in quality.



Photographic prints from Sperati's negatives produced by the BPA
 British Columbia (Vancouver Island) 1965 signed die proofs of 5c and 10c
 Italy (Napollitan Provinces) 1961 2g twice stamp-size
 Uruguay selection of stamp-size reproductions plus one with BPA handstamp

In 1954 Sperati sold his stock of forgeries, reference collection, the clichés and the copyright of his various formulas to the British Philatelic Association. The BPA produced stamp-sized (and twice stamp-size) photographs of his forgeries with 'Sperati Reproduction' handstamped on the backs in violet.