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The Puzzle Club is very excited this month to be introducing you to a Brand New range of ‘Castorland’ Puzzles. We are fortunate enough to be the first major supplier in the UK to provide puzzles from the full new 2014 Castorland range, so why not try one or two to see for yourself how good they are! We value your feedback, as always, so would love to hear your thoughts on these new puzzles...

Castor Printing & Publishing House

was established in 1989 in Poland, with the aim of producing high quality jigsaw puzzles of a quality to match the very best in Europe, by people who share their passion and professionalism. They have been extremely successful at this. Branding their puzzles as ‘Castorland’, they have been introduced into markets throughout Europe, USA, South America, Asia and Africa, Australia, Russia and South Korea, but are only just starting to appear in the UK.

Castorland is an internationally active and experienced company, taking part in all the world’s major toy and puzzle fairs. The materials used for production of puzzles are carefully selected and come from the best European suppliers. The production process and technologies used are subject to rigorous testing procedures and their organisation is regularly monitored to ensure continuous improvement and maintain the highest level of quality standards. Each product meets or exceeds the relevant European Union standards of quality and safety.

They offer a rich selection of jigsaw puzzles, ranging from fun puzzles for toddlers and educational puzzles for older children, right through 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 & up to 4000 pc for those of you who like a real challenge (and have a table big enough!).

Castorland work with artists and photographers from around the world with the designs on the adult puzzles being mostly photographic images which are extremely detailed and inspiring. These images are often of historic buildings and locations from around the world, often different to those used by other manufacturers, and are clearly printed with clean cuts and a large variety of puzzle shapes.


Due to space limitations, we can only show you a selection of puzzles here, but there is a full range of puzzles on our website. Your feedback will help us to decide on the types of images and puzzle size we focus on in future orders from the Castorland range.

New for Pomegranate in 2014

From its roots in San Francisco’s 1960s psychedelic art explosion, Pomegranate has emerged as a leading museum publisher, producing fine art, contemporary illustration, and photography in a vast array of high-quality, affordable products. The company collaborates with many renowned institutions including the National Gallery of Art, the Library of Congress, the British Library, the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Sierra Club, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and is the proud licensee for such distinguished artists as Edward Gorey, Charley Harper, Wolf Kahn, Georgia O’Keeffe, and Gustave Baumann, among others.

Thoughtfully conceived and engagingly intricate, Pomegranate’s 1000, 500 and 300-piece interlocking jigsaw puzzles combine superb colour reproduction, stunning and unusual images, and sturdy construction to delight generations of novice and veteran puzzleworkers. Featuring images from a wide selection of traditional, classic and modern art there’s a puzzle or two for just about anyone in the Pomegranate range. They are also provided in space saving boxes, so great for our avid puzzle collectors!

2014 sees new releases from many of their key artists, In the 1000pc range, these include A Tribute to Sir Christopher Wren, where Charles Robert Cockerell imagined a new London designed solely by Britain’s eminent architect after the Great Fire of 1666 burned from Pudding Lane to Pye Corner. There is a new Edward Gorey ‘Umtitled’ puzzle, drawn in his trademark crosshatched pen and ink style with a number of enigmatic characters and creatures. ‘Flowers, Italy’ is a new issue from Joseph Stella which expresses his love of nature in almost religious terms, recalling the brilliant colours of stained-glass windows using the flowers and stems to create a virtual cathedral of flora.

In the 500pc range, new puzzles include ‘Oarsmen at Chatou’ by Renoir and ‘The Swimmer’, another image by Robert Bissell depicting a friendly grizzly bear as its centrepiece. 300pc puzzles include ‘The House That Jack Built’ by CFA Voysey and 2 animal character puzzles: ‘Zoo Animals’ by Shafiq Shawki and ‘Techie Tiger’ by Robert Pizzo.
READERS LETTERS

Joyce Billington, Northampton

Thanks for your letter Joyce. The Ravensburger ‘What If’s and Falcon-Jumbo ‘Wasgij’ puzzles are really popular ranges for us, so there are lots of members out there with the same ideas as you! We even have a list of Wasgij enthusiasts who take all the new Wasgij puzzles automatically as soon as they are released. Gibsons have recently introduced a ‘half-way house’ option called ‘Mystery Mayhem’, which is one ‘normal’ 1000 pc puzzle with a related 200pc ‘linked but no image’ puzzle in the same box. Clearly the concept of puzzles without images is a successful and growing one.

As a follow up to last month’s letter asking for ideas of how to store completed puzzles, thank you to Mr Spiller for his response, suggesting that although a little expensive, the ‘Jigstore’ 500 & 1000s can store 10-12 puzzles. He also uses a ‘Jigframe’ to display his puzzles, regularly changing the image when he completes a new one. Mr Spiller also takes photos of his completed puzzles, so he always has a record of them. Apart from these ideas, the most popular idea seems to be to hang them up, but everyone has the same issue of running out of wall space!

JIG’S CORNER

Hi there!

Can’t believe Spring is here already and Easter is just around the corner. Why not treat someone to a puzzle instead of a chocolate egg this Easter, it will last longer and be far more satisfying…!

The Castorland puzzles would be great for this, and look and feel top quality to me. I’ve completed a couple to try them out and they’re really nice to handle.

So that we can look to introduce one or two new exclusive OPC puzzles this year, we need to clear a little space for them, so Mark & Juliet asked me for a suggestion to help. I suggested we reduce the price of the existing OPC puzzles to just £11, so those of you that only have the one you took when you joined the club can now look at taking one or more of the others. Why not help me to prove how useful I am by taking up the offer.

I’ve also suggested we clear our puzzles in missing or damaged boxes too, as well as our overstocks, so there are two options on the price list this month for ‘Pot Luck’ puzzles. You might get a box, you might not!

Lastly let me apologise for a previous misprint – ‘FJ11011 - Country Companion’ is 500 pc, not 1000pc (as shown on the image last month).

It’s my job to check the newsletter after Juliet & Mark create it but I missed that one!

If you wish to place an order from the enclosed catalogue please allow extra time for delivery as although we carry most puzzles, we don’t always have them all in stock.

Keep puzzling!

Jig

WINNING WAYS

Winner ISSUE 101

Thank you for all your entries, and congratulations to E Griffin for knowing that D-Day was 6th June 1944. Your puzzle is on its way.

Competition for ISSUE 103 – Can you tell us what is the Capital City of the Country where Castorland puzzles are based?

Remember to let us know by 30th April and state which puzzle (up to 1000pc) you would like if you win.

The winner will be announced in issue 105.

Good Luck!
OPC Exclusives

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