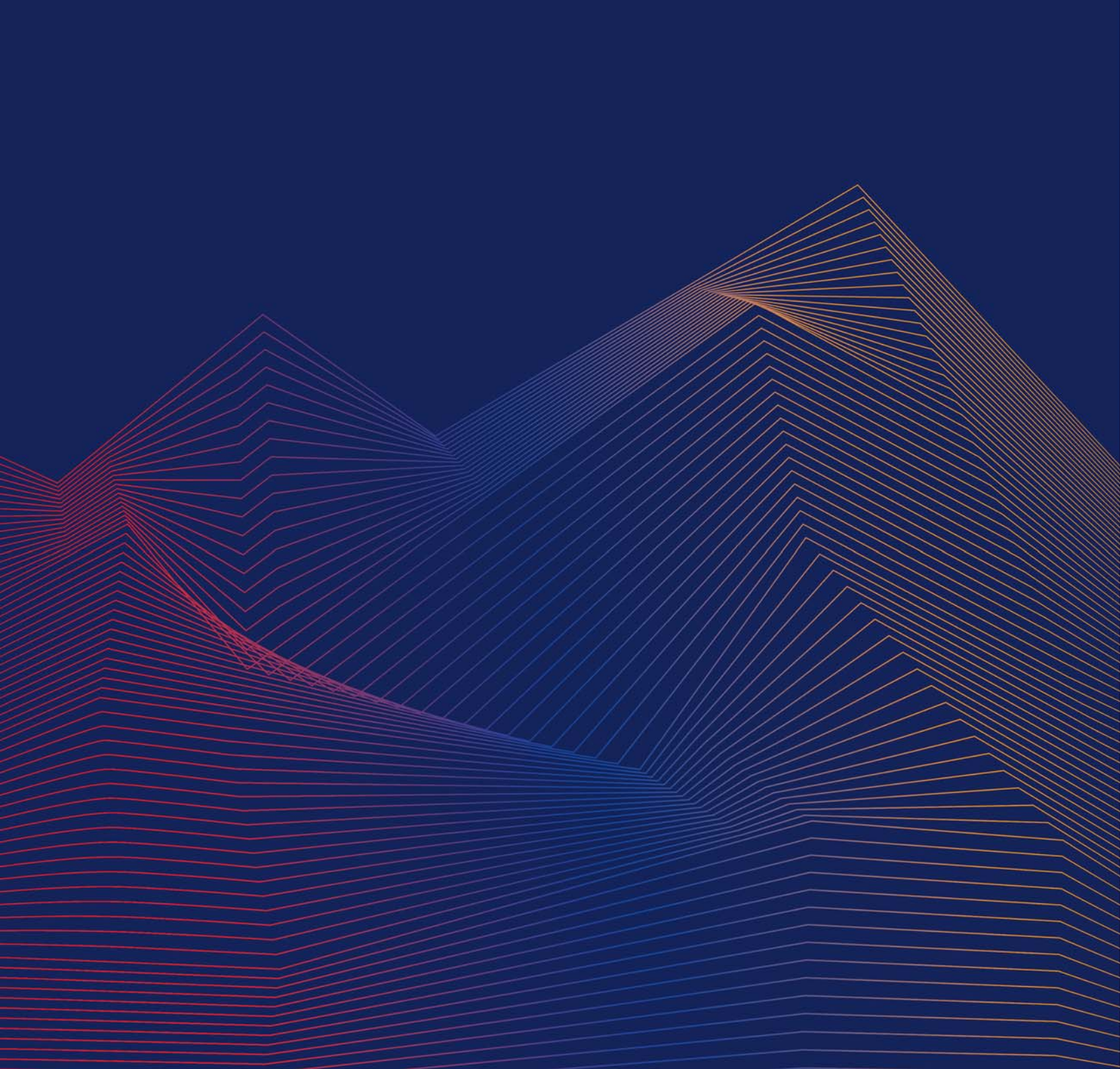




COLLECTOR COINS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

2023





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Governor
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Dear reader,

We are pleased to present the *Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia – 2023* annual journal, which presents the collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2023.

Armenian collector coins have always garnered great attention among the Armenian and international community and the general public interested in numismatics. The Central Bank of Armenia began issuing collector coins (made of gold, silver, and base metals) in 1994 with the aim of perpetuating and popularizing the history and culture of Armenia, prominent Armenians, and

memorable events taking place in Armenia and the rest of the world, as well as meeting the public's numismatic, collection, and investment demands.

The past year was marked by numerous jubilees, to which the Central Bank of Armenia responded with new numismatic issues.

November 22, 2023 was the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the Armenian dram. Alongside a series of events organized on the occasion of this momentous event, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the “30 Years of Armenian Dram” collector coin, as well as a series of circulating commemorative coins of six denominations. The issuance of the collector and circulating commemorative coins

emphasizes the importance of the 30-year-old Armenian dram as a special symbol of the Armenian state in the economic, political, and cultural life of Armenian society.

2023 was also a jubilee year for Armenian cinema, marking the 100th anniversary of its founding. The occasion was included in UNESCO's 2023 calendar of anniversaries of eminent personalities and important events. Valuing Armenian film art as a vital cultural component of the Armenian people and marking the popularization of Armenian film traditions and the transfer of film heritage to new generations, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the foundation of Armenian cinema. The Central Bank of Armenia was the guest of honor at one of the ceremonial events organized by the RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports' National Cinema Center of Armenia within the framework of the 100th anniversary of Armenian cinema.

Adhering to the tradition of celebrating the creative contributions of famous Armenian artists to Armenian and world culture, in 2023, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the famous Armenian painter and sculptor Hagop Hagopian. The Central Bank of Armenia also participated in the "Mirror of Soul" exhibition organized by the National Gallery of Armenia on the occasion of the anniversary of the artist's birthday, paying tribute to the Hagopian family.

One of the year's notable releases under the "Celebrities" theme is a collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of famous Armenian gymnast Hrant Shahinyan, who was the first Armenian champion of the modern-day Olympic Games.

The year 2023 was memorable for Armenian sports fans for another reason: 50 years ago, the Ararat football team won both the USSR Cup and the title of USSR champion. The "Ararat-73 – 50th Anniversary of Golden Double" collector coin was issued to allow Armenian football fans to relive the glorious victory of Ararat-73 and pass on the memories to future generations. To mark that jubilee date, the Central Bank of Armenia hosted and honored famous football players of the Ararat-73 team Eduard Markarov, Sergey Poghosyan, Sergey Bondarenko, Norayr Mesropyan, and Arkady Harutyunyan.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the Armenian dram in 2023, the Central Bank of Armenia published the *Notes and Coins of the Republic of Armenia* book, which includes descriptions of circulating and collector banknotes and coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia from 1993 through 2023, their photos, and prizes received in various numismatic competitions. I believe the information presented in the book will be interesting and useful to experts in the field of numismatics and to a wide range of readers.



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COLLECTOR COINS 2023

In 2023, the Central Bank of Armenia collaborated with the mints of Lithuania and Poland to issue five types of silver collector coins, adding to the “Armenian Statehood”, “Celebrities”, “Culture”, and “Sports” thematic series of collector coins. In addition, within the framework of the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the Armenian dram in 2023, the Central Bank of Armenia worked with The Royal Mint in Great Britain to issue a new series of circulating commemorative coins.

The “30 Years of National Currency” silver collector coin minted at the Lithuanian Mint has completed the “Armenian Statehood” series of collector coins dedicated to the history of the introduction of the national currency. The collector coin was produced in compliance with the adopted concept, weighing 5 troy ounces and with an even and numbered edge. The obverse and reverse of the

collector coin depict the security feature (guilloché) used on the Armenian banknotes. The Central Bank of Armenia logotype and the flag of the Republic of Armenia are represented in colors due to the use of tampo-printing technology.

The new series of circulating commemorative coins minted at The Royal Mint in Great Britain includes six denominations: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500 drams. The coins’ technical specifications and the design of the reverse, depicting the face value and national ornaments, match those of the regular coins of the same denomination. The logotype of the 30 years of national currency is depicted on the obverse of the coins. As a rule, coins of this type are of special interest among coin collectors.

Four silver collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2023 were minted at the Mint of Poland.

The “Culture” series was supplemented with the “100th Anniversary of Foundation of Armenian Cinema” silver collector coin which comes packaged in an informational blister. The obverse of the collector coin features two historical logotypes representing the development of Armenian cinema, and the reverse uses images characteristic of the film industry. The collector coin was minted using classical technology, and the expressiveness of the film tape depicted on the reverse side was ensured by the use of color digital printing technology. Specialists from the RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports’ National Cinema Center of Armenia made a significant contribution to the preparation of the text of the information blister for the collector coin, as well as the selection and provision of frames from famous Armenian films of different eras.

The “Celebrities” series has been supplemented with two silver collector coins dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the births of the famous Armenian artist Hagop Hagopian and well-known gymnast Hrant Shahinyan. The “Hagop Hagopian-100” collector coin comes in a blister, which provides information on the biography and activities of Hagop Hagopian and includes photographs of the artist’s works. The collector coin was minted using color digital printing technology. The designs of the collector coin and blister were prepared in cooperation with the artist’s family

members who provided materials related to his biography and photographs of his paintings.

The obverse of the “Hrant Shahinyan-100” collector coin contains stylized images of Shahinyan’s gymnastic exercises, while the reverse depicts his bust. Specialists from the National Olympic Committee of Armenia assisted in the preparation of the information booklet accompanying the collector coin.

A collector coin dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Golden Double of the Ararat football team comes in a blister and was issued as part of the “Sports” thematic series. The depiction of the USSR Cup and USSR football championship medal won in 1973 by the Ararat football team on the reverse of the collector coin was carried out using color digital printing technology. Work on the collector coin and blister, including the acquisition of historical photographs, was done in collaboration with the Armenpress and Mediamax news agencies, photojournalist Melik Baghdasaryan, and representatives of the current Ararat football team and Football Federation of Armenia.

The collector coins and circulating commemorative coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2023, with their rich content and design, have attracted interest among both numismatists and the general public, as is evidenced by the public demand for them.



30 Years of National Currency (1993 – 2023)

Theme: **Armenian Statehood**
Armenian Currency

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia and the logotype of the Central Bank of Armenia against the background of guilloche patterns.

Reverse: the logotype of the 30 years of national currency, depicting the graphical sign of the dram, the inscription “30 YEARS” in Armenian, and the stylized flag of the Republic of Armenia against the background of guilloche patterns.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.
The coin is minted at the Lithuanian Mint.



The national currency of the Republic of Armenia, the dram, is one of the symbols of independent statehood. The dram was put into circulation on November 22, 1993.

During the 30 years of the dram's existence, several series of circulating banknotes and coins, as well as other types of currency of collector interest – circulating commemorative coins, collector banknotes, collector and investment coins – have been issued.

The first collector coin of the Republic of Armenia was issued in 1994. Since then, the Central Bank of Armenia has issued more than 440 collector coins made of gold, silver and copper-nickel, dedicated to prominent Armenians and landmark historical and cultural events.

Banknotes and coins of the Republic of Armenia

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	168,1 g
Diameter	63,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even, numbered
Quantity of issue	400 pcs
In circulation since	23.08.2023

are produced with the use of state-of-the-art technologies offering security printing and mintage and meet modern international standards of quality and security.

The consistent and purposive work on improving the quality of the banknotes and coins of the Republic of Armenia has brought in many awards and high appreciation at prestigious international numismatic contests.



30 Years of National Currency Circulating Commemorative Coins

Obverses: the logotype of the 30 years of national currency, the year of issue “2023”, the inscriptions “ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՀԱՆՐԱՊԵՏՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ” and “REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA”.

Reverses: the face values of the coins “10 ԴՐԱՄ” (10 DRAM), “20 ԴՐԱՄ” (20 DRAM), “50 ԴՐԱՄ” (50 DRAM), “100 ԴՐԱՄ” (100 DRAM), “200 ԴՐԱՄ” (200 DRAM), “500 ԴՐԱՄ” (500 DRAM), national ornaments.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan (*obverses*), Karapet Abrahamyan (*reverses*).

Minted at The Royal Mint in Great Britain.

Year of issue: 2023.

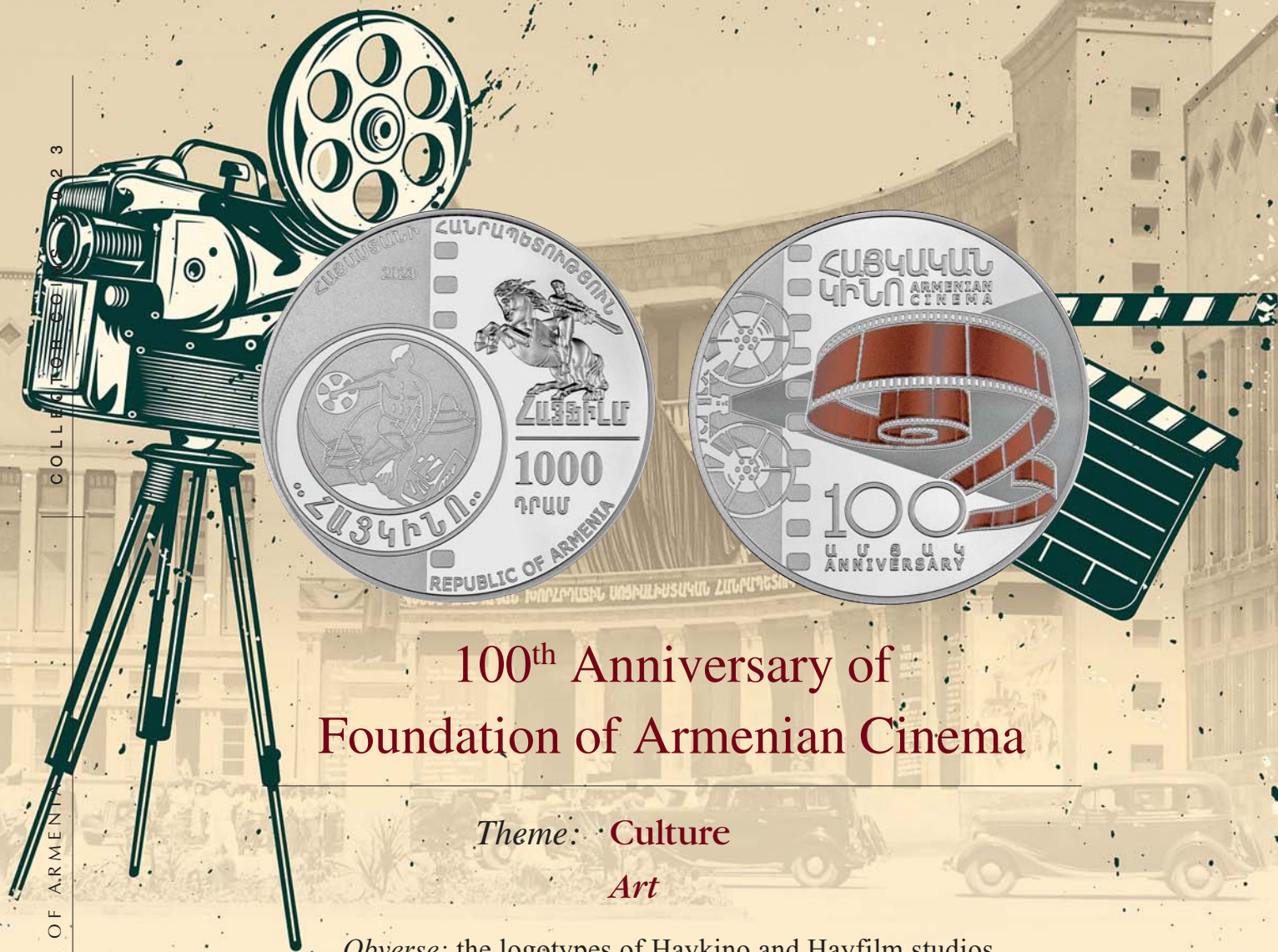
In circulation since 22. 11. 2023.



In 2023, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of introduction of the Armenian dram, a new series of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500 dram denominated circulating commemorative coins were issued.

Circulating commemorative coins match ordinary coins in technical characteristics and the reverse design. The obverse of these coins, as a rule, is dedicated to a certain event or phenomenon.

Circulating commemorative coins are issued in limited quantities and circulate along with the ordinary coins. They are legal tender at their face value and enjoy special interest among coin collectors.



100th Anniversary of Foundation of Armenian Cinema

Theme: **Culture**
Art

Obverse: the logotypes of Haykino and Hayfilm studios.

Reverse: stylized images of a film strip and projector.

Designed by Lusine Lalayan (*obverse*), Eduard Kurghinyan (*reverse*).

The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.

On April 16, 1923, the government of Soviet Armenia founded the Petkino (State Cinema), which was later renamed Haykino, Hayfilm (Armenkino, Armenfilm). This is how the history of Armenian cinematography began. In 1926, Hamo Beknazaryan, the founder of homegrown cinema, made the first silent feature film, *Namus*, and in 1935, the first Armenian sound film, *Pepo*. In 1938, Lev Atamanov founded Armenian animated cinema with his film *The Dog and the Cat*. In 1954, the first Armenian color film, *The Secret of the Mountain Lake*, was shot.

Film production really took off in the 1950-60s as many memorable films were shot, including *The Song of the First Love* (directors: Yuri Yernzkyan and Laert Vagharshyan), *What's All the Noise of the River About* (director: Grigor Melik-Avagyan), *Tzhvzhik* (director: Arman Manaryan), *The Boys of the Orchestra* (directors: Henrik Malyan and Henrik Margaryan), and others, in which Hrachya Nersisyan, Avet Avetisyan, Vagharsh Vagharshyan, Khoren Abrahamyan, Varduhi Varderesyan, Metaqsya Simonyan, Mher Mkrtchyan, Sos Sargsyan, Armen Dzhigarkhanyan and other actors shone with all their mastery.

There were many feature, animated and documentary films shot in the 1970-80s. Sergey Parajanov (*The Color of Pomegranates*), who was considered a cinema innovator, and Artavazd Peleshyan with his epic films, came to international

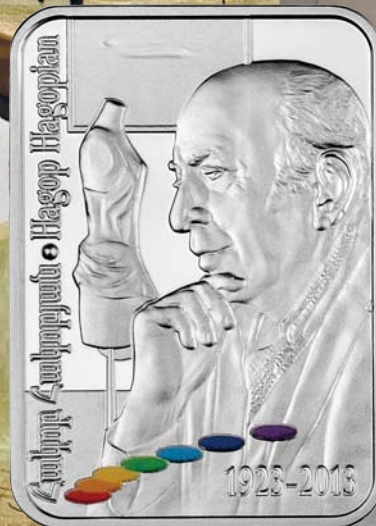
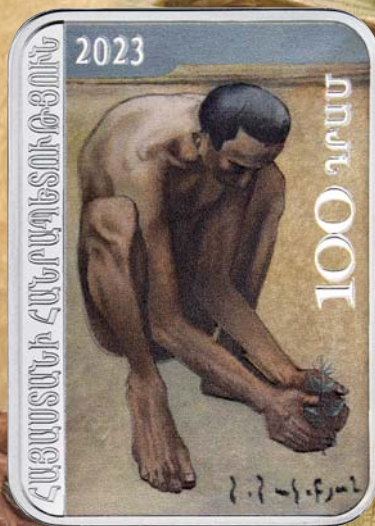
Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	200 pcs
In circulation since	20.06.2023

fame and stood out in world film with their unique styles. Robert Sahakyants' films were widely acclaimed in the animation genre.

In 1985, Albert Mkrtchyan's film *The Tango of Our Childhood* was presented at the Venice International Film Festival, and the film's leading actress Galya Novents won a special jury award.

During the independence period beginning in the 1990s, Armenian filmmaking continued with some ups and downs. Private studios opened up and production volumes increased. Nowadays, the National Cinema Center of Armenia is implementing state cultural policy in the field of cinematography and greatly contributes to production, promotion and development of Armenian filmmaking.

The 100-year history of Armenian cinematography has yielded more than 700 feature films, about 2500 documentaries, and nearly 300 animated films.



Hagop Hagopian 100th Birth Anniversary

Theme: **Celebrities**

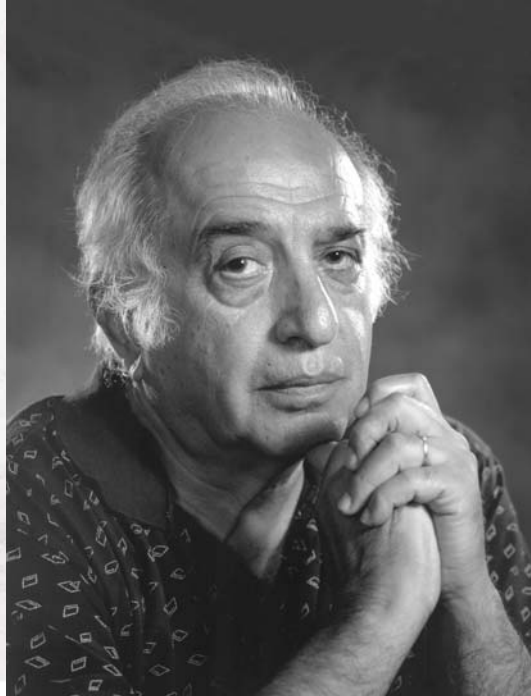
Fine Arts, Architecture

Obverse: Hagop Hagopian's *Man and Plant* painting (1963).

Reverse: Hagop Hagopian in his studio.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.





Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	250 pcs
In circulation since	20.06.2023

HAGOP HAGOPIAN (1923–2013) is a prominent Armenian painter, sculptor, People's Artist of the Armenian SSR (1977), correspondent member of the Academy of Fine Arts of the USSR (1988), and active member of Academy of Fine Arts of the Russian Federation (1996).

Hagopian was born in Alexandria (Egypt) and studied at the Melkonian College in Cyprus (1934–1941), the Cairo Academy of Fine Arts (1944–1947) and the Académie de la Grande Chaumière in Paris (1952–1954).

Hagopian's early works are primarily still lifes and thematic paintings, which emphasize the feeling of sadness and loneliness (*Woman in the Kitchen* (1959), *Garlic* (1961), *Sorrow* (1961), *Tailor* (1962), *Man and Plant* (1963), etc.).

In 1962, Hagopian settled in Armenia where he developed his art to embrace new vital nuances.

He depicted Armenia the way he perceived it – with colors appearing not vividly but clear and restrained, harmonious and balanced. His infinite love for Mother Nature gave birth to *Spring* (1969), *Serenity* (1971), *Beside the Canal* (1972), *Sevan Shore* (1991) and other paintings.

Along with paintings, the artist created unique sculptures by putting different parts of various metallic tools together. One of the metallic sculptures called *Family* (1989) stands on the slope of Mount Aragats.

Hagopian's solo exhibitions were featured widely, including in Armenian cities, Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, the Baltic States, France, Cyprus, Finland, Lebanon, and the United States.

Hagopian earned many state awards and orders. The National Gallery of Armenia boasts a significant part of the artist's creative heritage.



“Ararat-73”– 50th Anniversary of Golden Double

Theme: **Sport**

Obverse: the emblem of the Ararat football team (1973).

Reverse: the USSR Cup, Medal of the USSR Top League Champion (1973).

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.



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The Ararat football team of Yerevan was created in 1935. (The team was known as Spartak from 1935 to 1937 and from 1954 to 1962, was renamed Dynamo from 1937 to 1954, and was called Ararat beginning in 1963). The team participated in a great number of All-Union and international football matches.

1973 was stellar for Ararat. It was when the team, led by coach Nikita Simonyan, won both the USSR Cup and the title of USSR Champion.

On October 10, 1973, Ararat defeated Dynamo Kiev 2:1 in the final game of USSR Football Cup in Moscow and won the Cup. It was Levon Ishtoyan, the team's forward, who scored the two winning goals.

Days after the victory, there was another match between Ararat and Zenith of Leningrad taking

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	400 pcs
In circulation since	20.06.2023

place at the Hrazdan Stadium in Yerevan, where, thanks to the spectacular goals of captain Hovhannes Zanazanyan and Eduard Margarov, Ararat won the game 3:2 and took the title of USSR Champion, thus achieving a golden double.

The double achievement of Ararat was called an “Armenian football boom” and is remembered as one of the brightest pages of Soviet sport history.

The leading team of Armenia rose atop the pedestal of honor due to excellent physical training of the players, sportsmanship, technical mastery, high morale, strong will and team spirit.

Even today – 50 years later – the excitement of the glorious victory of “Ararat-73” has not faded in the memories of Armenian football fans.

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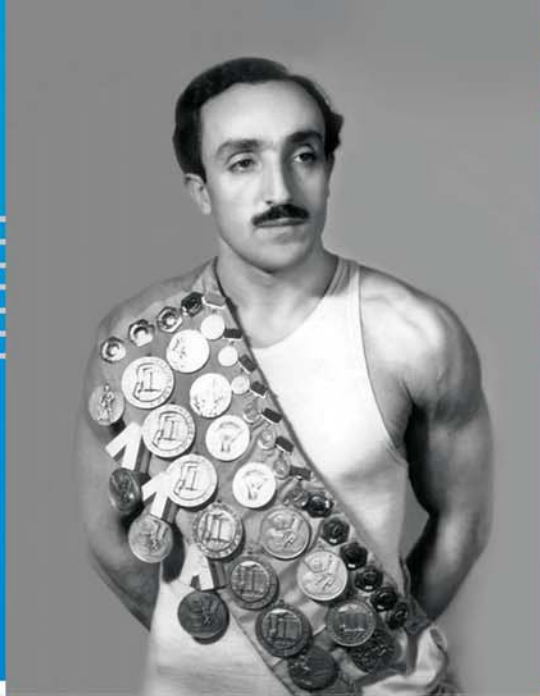
Hrant Shahinyan 100th Birth Anniversary

*Theme: Celebrities
Sport*

Obverse: stylized images of Hrant Shahinyan performing exercises on gymnastic rings and a pommel horse.

Reverse: Hrant Shahinyan's bust
(sculptor: G. Shahverdyan, architect: S. Sardaryan, 2014).

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan (*obverse*),
Lusine Lalayan (*reverse*).
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.



Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	200 pcs
In circulation since	20.07.2023

HRANT SHAHINYAN (1923–1996) is a prominent Armenian gymnast, the first Armenian champion of the modern-day Olympic Games, a double gold and double silver medalist (Helsinki, 1952), a double gold prize-winner of the World Championship (Rome, 1954), a seven-time and an absolute champion of USSR, an Honored Master of Sports of USSR (1951), an Honored Coach of Armenian SSR (1961), and an Honored Activist of Physical Culture and Sports of Armenian SSR (1966).

Shahinyan was born in the village of Gyulagarak (Lori region, Republic of Armenia). In 1930, the family moved to Yerevan, where he started attending a gymnastics class. In 1939, he won the title of the USSR absolute champion among juniors.

In the early days of the Great Patriotic War, he voluntarily left for the frontline; with his leg injured, he was able to resume gymnastics only in 1946.

Shahinyan achieved his first serious success at the World Festival of Youth and Students in Budapest in 1949, winning six gold medals at once.

According to the decision of the International Gymnastics Federation, one of the first exercises performed by Shahinyan on the pommel horse is called “Shahinyan’s twist”.

The legendary sportsman earned many awards for his services to the motherland and exceptional sports achievements, including a prize “For Fair Play” awarded by the International Olympic Committee in 1994. In 2005, the National Olympic Committee of Armenia introduced a “Hrant Shahinyan” medal.

Streets in the cities of the Republic of Armenia, as well as the Yerevan Olympic Children and Youth School of Gymnastics and the Chair of Gymnastics of the Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport are named after Hrant Shahinyan.



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Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia by Series and Years of Issue

(1994 – 2023)

ARMENIAN STATEHOOD

History of Statehood

Artsakh	(silver, 1994)
National Assembly Building	(silver, 1995)
Artashessian Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Arshakuni Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Bagratuni Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Kingdom of Cilicia	(silver, 1995)
10 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2001)	(silver, 2001)
15 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2006)	(silver, 2006)
20 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2011)	(silver, 2011)
25 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2016)	(silver, 2016)
25 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia/rus (1991–2016)	(silver, 2016)
100 th Anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia (1918–2018)	(silver, 2018)
30 th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2021)	(silver, 2021)

Armed Forces of Armenia

Sardarapat	(silver, 1994)
Armed Forces of Armenia	(gold/silver, 2005)
15 th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2007)	(gold, 2007)
15 th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi (1992–2007)	(gold, 2007)
20 th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2012)	(gold/silver, 2012)
20 th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi (1992–2012)	(gold, 2012)
25 th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2017)	(gold/silver, 2017)
25 th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi (1992–2017)	(gold, 2017)
30 th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2022)	(gold/silver, 2022)

Armenian Currency

Spindle	(silver, 1994)
5 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 1998)
15 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2008)
20 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2013)
25 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2018)
30 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2023)

ARMENIA AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

UN-50	(silver, 1995)
Armenia-Diaspora Forum	(silver, 1999)
New Millennium	(silver, 2000)
Armenia – a Member of European Council	(silver, 2001)
International Polar Year	(silver, 2006)
CST-20 and CSTO-10	(silver, 2012)
Eurasian Economic Union	(silver, 2015)
CST-25 and CSTO-15	(silver, 2017)
Anniversary of Armenia's Membership to IMF/WB	(silver, 2017)
Five Years of Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	(silver, 2019)
30 th Anniversary of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	(silver, 2021)

CELEBRITIES

Armenian Commanders

Marshal Baghramyan-100	(silver, 1997)
Garegin Nzhdeh	(gilded silver/silver, 2001)
Marshal Babajanyan-100	(silver, 2006)
Andranik Ozanyan-150	(silver, 2015)
Vardan Mamikonian-1625	(gold, 2016)
Vardan Mamikonian	(gold, 2016)
Admiral Isakov-125	(silver, 2019)
Gevorg Chavush-150	(silver, 2020)
Davit Bek	(silver, 2022)

State and Public Figures

Tigran the Great	(gold, 1999)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 2003)
Alexander Mantashian-175	(gold, 2017)
Galousté Gulbenkian-150	(gold, 2019)
Khrimyan Hayrik-200	(silver, 2020)

Science

Anania Shirakatsi-1400	(silver, 2005)
Artem Mikoyan-100	(silver, 2005)
Viktor Ambartsumian-100	(silver, 2008)
Movses Khorenatsi-1600	(silver, 2010)
Leo-150	(silver, 2010)
Joseph Orbeli-125	(silver, 2012)
Benjamin Margaryan-100	(silver, 2013)
Voskan Yerevantsi-400	(silver, 2014)
Grigor Tatevatsi-675	(silver, 2021)

Literature

Pushkin-200	(silver, 1999)
William Saroyan-100	(gold, 2008)
Khachatur Abovyan-200	(gold, 2009)
Raffi-175	(gold, 2010)
Vahan Terian-125	(gold, 2010)
Misag Metsarents-125	(gold, 2011)
Hovhannes Shiraz-100	(gold, 2014)
Hovhannes Tumanyan-150	(gold, 2019)
Yeghishe Charents-125	(gold, 2022)

Fine Arts, Architecture

Arshile Gorky-100	(gold, 2004)
Martiros Sarian-125	(gold, 2005)

Hovhannes Aivazovsky	(silver, 2006)
Hakob Gurjian-125	(gold, 2006)
Jean Garzou-100	(gold, 2007)
Vardges Sureniants-150	(silver, 2010)
Teodor Axentowicz	(silver, 2010)
Toros Roslin-800	(gold, 2011)
Stepan Aghajanian-150	(silver, 2013)
Ara Beqaryan-100	(silver, 2013)
Eduard Isabekyan-100	(silver, 2014)
Panos Terlemezian-150	(silver, 2015)
Arshak Fetvadjian-150	(silver, 2016)
Alexander Bazhbeuk-Melikian-125	(silver, 2016)
Hovhannes Aivazovsky-200	(gold, 2017)
Hovhannes Zardaryan-100	(silver, 2018)
Vartan Mahokian-150	(silver, 2019)
Jansem-100	(gold/silver, 2020)
Yeghishe Tadevossian-150	(silver, 2020)
Hagop Hagopian-100	(silver, 2023)

Music

Aram Khachatryan-100	(gold/silver, 2002)
Komitas	(gold, 2006)
Sayat-Nova-300	(gold, 2012)
Komitas-150	(silver, 2019)
Arno Babajanyan-100	(silver, 2021)
Alexander Spendaryan-150	(silver, 2021)
Ohan Dourian-100	(silver, 2022)

Cinema, Theatre, Circus

Leonid Yengibarov-75	(silver, 2010)
Sergei Parajanov	(silver, 2012)
Vahram Papazyan-125	(gold, 2013)
Hamo Beknazaryan-125	(silver, 2017)

Henry Verneuil-100	(silver, 2020)
Hrachia Nersisyan-125	(gold, 2020)

Sport

Tigran Petrosian-70	(silver, 1999)
Kings of Football	(silver, 2008–2011)
Pele, Eusebio, Lev Yashin, Franz Beckenbauer, Zbigniew Boniek, Mario Kempes, Yohan Cruyff, Michel Platini	
Hrant Shahinyan-100	(silver, 2023)

CULTURE

Science, Literature

1600 th Anniversary of Creation of Armenian Alphabet	(gold, 2002)
1000 th Anniversary of Poem “Book of Lamentations”	(silver, 2002)
1600 th Anniversary of Creation of Armenian Alphabet – Sahak A Partev	(silver, 2005)
1600 th Anniversary of Creation of Armenian Alphabet – King Vramshapouh	(silver, 2005)
50 th Anniversary of Foundation of Matenadaran	(silver, 2007)
825 th Years of “The Codex” written by Mkhitar Gosh	(silver, 2009)
725 th Anniversary of Foundation of Glazdor University	(silver, 2009)
500 th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing	(silver, 2012)
Letters of Armenian Alphabet, 39 types	(gold/silver, 2013)
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of History Museum of Armenia	(silver, 2019)
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of Yerevan State University	(silver, 2019)
Oganeson (Og)	(silver, 2022)

Art

75 th Anniversary of Foundation of Opera and Ballet Theater	(silver, 2008)
Jazz	(silver, 2010)
Armenian Carpet	(gilded silver/silver, 2018)
Dragon Carpet, Sun Carpet, Eagle Carpet, Altar Carpet, Altar-Cross Carpet, Bee-Nest Carpet, Life Tree Carpet, Medallion Carpet, Vorotan Carpet, Proshaberd Carpet	
Pottery of the World	(silver, 2018)
Armenian Pottery, Russian Pottery, Greek Pottery, Chinese Pottery, Iranian Pottery	
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of Gabriel Sundukyan National Academic Theater	(silver, 2021)
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of Petros Adamyan Armenian State Drama Theater in Tbilisi	(silver, 2021)
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of Armenian Cinema	(silver, 2023)

RELIGION

Mythology

David of Sassoun	(silver, 1994)
Goddess Anahit	(gold, 1997)
Haik Nahapet	(gold, 2007)

Christianity

Noah Descending from Ararat	(gold, 1999)
Armenian Catholicoi of the XX century	(gold, 2008)
St Sargis the Commander	(gold, 2009)
Gospel Scenes in Armenian Miniatures	(silver, 2010)
Annunciation, Adoration of the Magi, Entry into Jerusalem, Ascension	
200 th Anniversary of Foundation of Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna	(silver, 2011)
Noah's Ark (7,77 g/15,55 g/31,1 g)	(silver, 2012)

200 th Anniversary of Foundation of Lazarev Institute	(silver, 2015)
Noah's Ark (1,0 g/7,78 g/15,55 g/31,1 g)	(gold, 2017)
300 th Anniversary of Foundation of Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice	(silver, 2017)
200 th Anniversary of Foundation of Armenian College and Philanthropic Academy of Kolkata	(silver, 2021)

Religious monuments

Garni	(silver, 1994)
Holy Etchmiadzin	(gold/silver, 1998)
Ani	(gold/silver, 1998)
Haghpat	(silver, 1998)
Aghtamar	(gold/silver, 1999)
Monastery of Gandzasar	(silver, 2004)
Cross-stones of Armenia	(silver, 2011)
Etchmiadzin cross-stone, Kecharis cross-stone, Gndevank cross-stone, Goshavank cross-stone, Noravank cross-stone, Sanahin cross-stone	
Armenian Monasteries and Churches	(silver, 2012)
Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, Kecharis Monastery, Gndevank Monastery, Goshavank Monastery, Noravank Monastery, Sanahin Monastery	
Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin	(silver, 2020)

Treasures of Etchmiadzin

Holy Lance	(silver, 2013)
The Right Hand of Saint Gregory the Illuminator	(silver, 2014)
Cauldron for Holy Chrism	(silver, 2014)
Khotakerats Sourb Nshan	(silver, 2016)
The Cross with the Relics of Saint John the Baptist	(silver, 2016)
The Cross with the Relics of Saint George	(silver, 2016)

HISTORY

10 Years of Earthquake	(silver, 1998)
110 th Anniversary of State Bank	(silver, 2003)
10 th Anniversary of Court of Cassation of the Republic of Armenia	(gold, 2008)
Ani-1050	(gold, 2011)
Artashat-2200	(gold, 2011)
The Centenary of Armenian Genocide	(silver, 2015)
20 th Anniversary of Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia	(silver, 2015)
Yerevan-2800	(silver, 2018)
100 th Anniversary of Sardarapat Battle	(silver, 2018)
75 th Anniversary of the Victory in Great Patriotic War	(silver, 2020)

NATURE

Flora

Apricot	(silver, 1994)
Armenian Grapes	(silver, 2007)
Beauty of Flowers	(silver, 2010–2011)
Galanthus Artjuschenkoae, Tanacetum Zangezuricum, Sorbus Hajastana, Crocus Adamii	
Pomegranate	(gold, 2011)
The Oldest Trees of the World	(silver, 2014)
Skhtorashen Platanus, Hundred Horse Chestnut, Angel Oak, General Sherman Tree	

Fauna

Caucasian Otter	(silver/CuNi, 1997)
Armenian Gull	(silver/CuNi, 1998)
Wild World of Caucasus	(silver, 2006–2008)
Wide-Eared Hedgehog, Trans-Caucasian Grey Bear,	

Caucasian Forest Cat, Mediterranean Tortoise,
Fore-Asian Leopard, Wide-nosed Duck, Trout,
Armenian Viper, Bezoar Goat, Armenian Moufflon,
Caucasian Owl, Toad Agama

The Year of the Caucasian Leopard (silver, 2019)

Nature's monuments

Labyrinths of the World (silver, 2016–2017)
Boston Labyrinth, Vaals Labyrinth,
Barcelona Labyrinth, Mazone Labyrinth

SPORT

32 nd Chess Olympiad	(silver, 1996)
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18 th Winter Olympic Games	(silver, 1998)
1998 Football World Cup	(silver, 1998)
First Pan-Armenian Games	(silver, 1999)
2006 Football World Cup	(silver, 2004)
37 th Chess Olympiad	(gold, 2006)
Art of Fighting	(silver, 2011–2012)
Judo, Wushu, Karate, Kokh	
2014 World Football Championship	(silver, 2014)
2018 World Football Championship	(silver, 2018)
“Ararat-73” – 50 Years of Golden Double	(silver, 2023)

SYMBOLS

The Signs of Zodiac
(silver, 2007–2008/gold, 2008–2009)

Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo,
Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius,
Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces



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Republic of Armenia Collector Coins Issue Program 2024

Charles Aznavour-100

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 999 ⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs

Charles Aznavour-100

Face value	50 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 999,9 ⁰
Weight	31,1 g
Diameter	38,6 mm
Quality	uncirculated
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	up to 1000 pcs

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Charles Aznavour-100

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	1000 pcs

Charles Aznavour-100

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 999,9 ⁰
Weight	3,11 g
Diameter	16,54 mm
Quality	uncirculated
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	up to 3000 pcs

Sergey Parajanov-100

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900 ⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs

Paruyr Sevak-100

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900°
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs

Edgar Chahine-150

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	28,28 g
Diameter	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	300 pcs

150th Anniversary of Foundation of Gevorkian Theological Seminary of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs

Gohar Gasparyan-100

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs

Ervand Kochar-125

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	28,28 g
Diameter	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	500 pcs

10 Years of Eurasian Economic Union

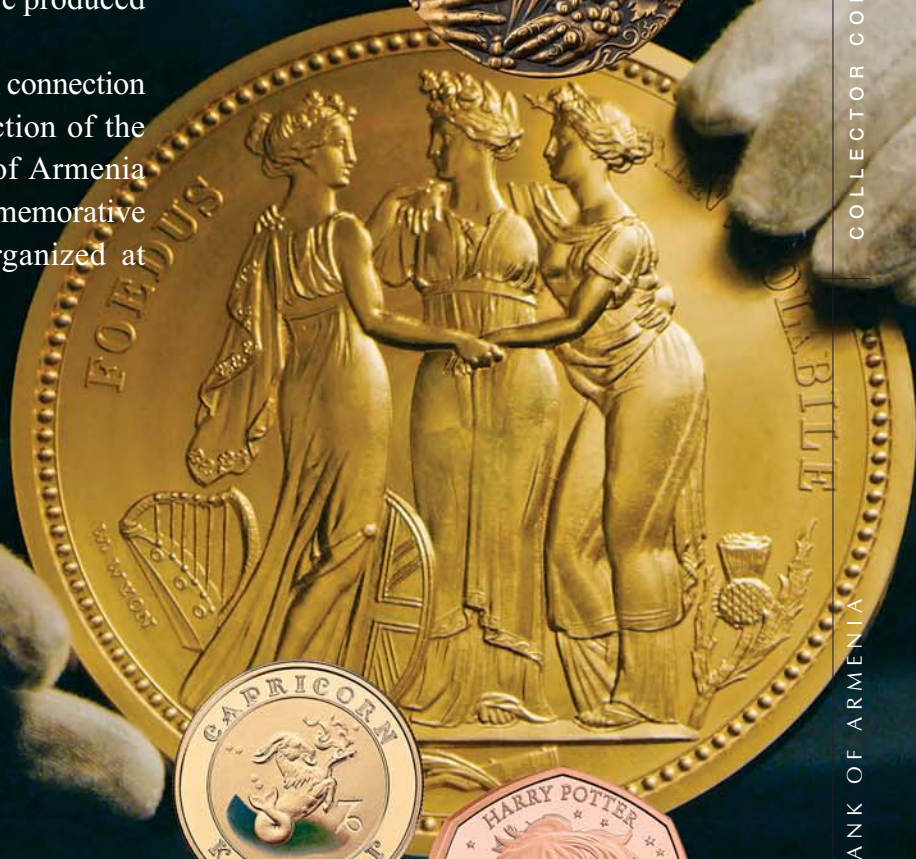
Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	38,61 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	200 pcs



Mints

Collector coins issued under the Central Bank of Armenia's 2023 issue program were produced at the mints of Poland and Lithuania.

In 2023, as part of the events held in connection with the 30th anniversary of introduction of the Armenian dram, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a new series of circulating commemorative coins, production of which was organized at The Royal Mint in Great Britain.



The Mint of Poland

The Mint of Poland was established in 1766 by order of the Polish king Stanislaw August Poniatowski, whose goal was to create a mint where the most beautiful coins would be produced.



The Mint of Poland is presently the main manufacturer of circulating coins and the sole manufacturer of collector coins issued by the National Bank of Poland. It also produces gold bars, commemorative medals, highest quality insignia, and official and heraldic seals for the local government. Polish collector coins win major

awards in prestigious numismatic contests.

The Central Bank of Armenia has been collaborating with the Mint of Poland since 1993, when a decision was made to issue circulating coins of the independent Republic of Armenia. The first issues of the Armenian circulating coins of the first and second series were manufactured at the Mint of Poland.

The Mint of Poland has also produced a great number of Armenian single collector coins and sets of coins, among which are “Komitas”, “Armenian Catholicoi of the XX century”, “The Eurasian Economic Union”, “20th Anniversary of Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia”, “Vardan Mamikonian”, “Kings of Football”, and “Pottery of the World”.

The Central Bank of Armenia, together with the Mint of Poland, commemorated the centenary of the Armenian Genocide by issuing the “Forget-Me-Not” commemorative medal and two sets of medals – “Martyred Armenian Intellectuals” and “Memorials of Loss and Struggle” – dedicated to the victims of the Armenian Genocide.



The Lithuanian Mint was founded on December 10, 1990, in Vilnius. In its first years of operation, the Mint had been striking only circulating coins, but, in 1993, it started producing also collector coins, commemorative medals and souvenir products.

The Lithuanian Mint



After Lithuania joined the European Union, the euro was put into circulation starting January 1, 2015, and the Lithuanian Mint was entrusted with the production of euro coins.

Today, thanks to the use of modern equipment, technological innovations and high-quality products, the Lithuanian Mint is considered one of the leaders in the market for production of numismatic values. The prizes earned at the World Money Fairs and other international numismatic contests are good evidence of that.

The Lithuanian Mint produces coins for a number of countries, including Armenia, Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Luxembourg, and Finland.

During 33 years of operation, the Mint has implemented numerous projects and issued more than 5 million collector coins using more than 20 innovative minting techniques.

The Lithuanian Mint is the first in the world to produce a digital coin.

The Lithuanian Mint has been collaborating with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2001. A great variety of collector coins, including the ones which earned awards at international numismatic contests (“The Centenary of the Armenian Genocide”, “Yerevan-2800”, “150th Anniversary of Birth of Komitas”, “Jansem-100”, “Arno Babajanyan-100”, and others), were produced by the Lithuanian Mint.



The Royal Mint in Great Britain

With an 1100-year history, The Royal Mint is one of the most famous mints in the world.

The mint produces more than 3.3 billion coins and blanks a year for 30 countries around the world.

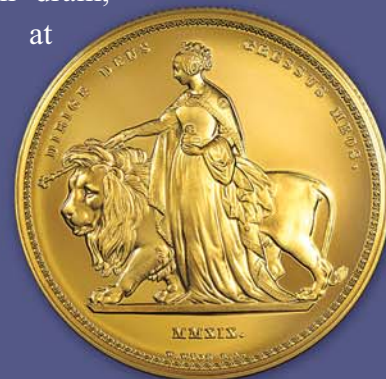


Collector coins and commemorative medals minted from precious metals (gold and silver) immortalize historical and modern events, members of the British royal family and other

prominent figures for generations. The Mint's souvenir products are also of great interest.

A special feature of the Mint's activities is the organization of auctions of historical British numismatic values, through which those interested in rare coins have the opportunity to add to their collections and make investments.

Collaboration between the Central Bank of Armenia and The Royal Mint began in 1994 with the issue of the "Apricot" silver collector coin. Many remarkable Armenian collector coins such as "UN-50", "32nd Chess Olympiad", "Caucasian Otter" and others, and Armenian circulating commemorative coins of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500 dram denomination dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the Armenian dram, were produced at The Royal Mint.



Internal Contest - 2023

In 2024, the Central Bank of Armenia organized the **“Best Collector Coin of the Year”** internal contest with the participation of all collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2023.



The “30 Years of National Currency” silver collector coin won the contest.
The coin is designed by Vardan Vardanyan.

VARDAN VARDANYAN is a designer of many Armenian collector coins and stamps which have won awards in international contests. In 2009, his “Europe” stamp, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the scout movement, was recognized as the best among 50 European post operators. The “500th Anniversary of Armenian

Book Printing” collector coin took first prize at the 10th international contest held in Vicenza, Italy in 2013. The “Yerevan-2800” and “Arno Babajanyan-100” collector coins were the winners of the Coin Constellation international contest held in the Russian Federation in 2019 and 2022 respectively.

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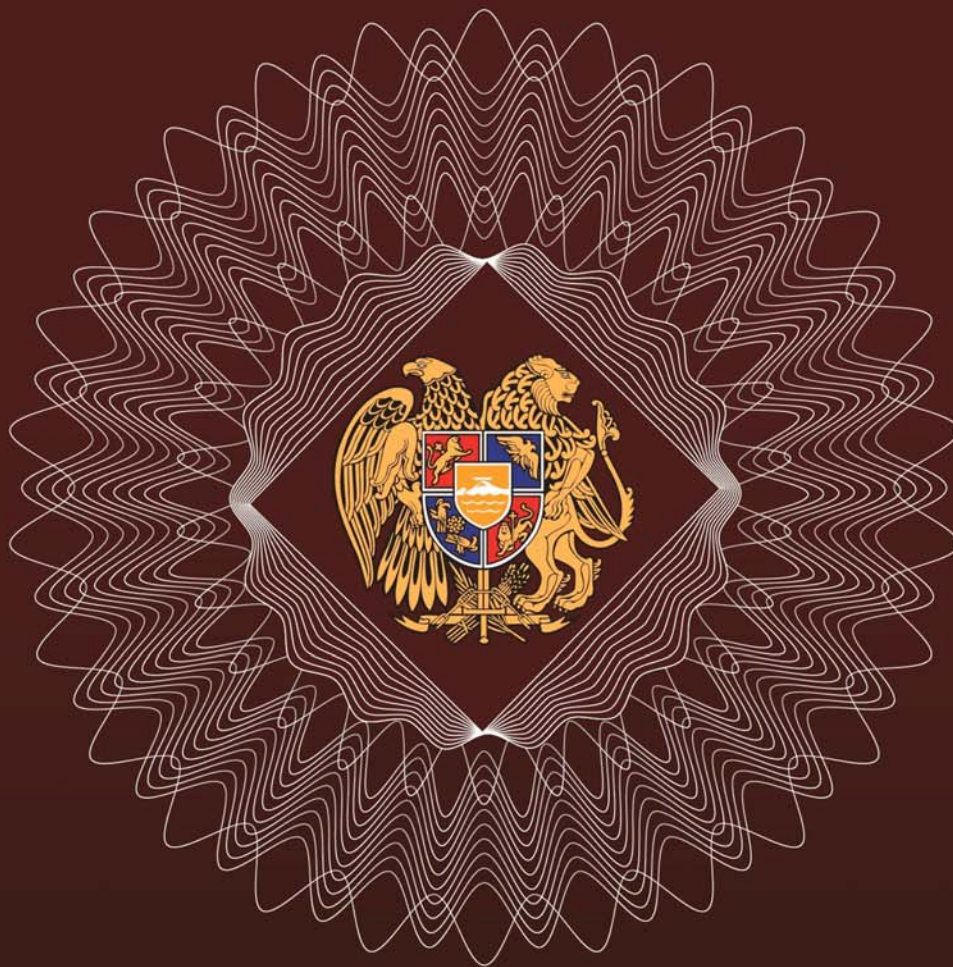
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