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Dear reader,

We are pleased to present the annual journal “Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia 2020”.

In 2020, as had become customary, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a number of collector coins to celebrate anniversaries of famous individuals: the 100th birth anniversaries of world-renowned French-Armenians Henri Verneuil (a filmmaker) and Jansem (painter), the 125th birth anniversary of the famous Armenian actor Hrachya Nersisyan and the 150th birth anniversary of the talented painter Yeghishe Tadevosyan. Each of these great individuals hold a special place in the history of both Armenian and the world culture thanks to their success and accomplishments in the field of cinema, theater and painting.

Another important anniversary we celebrated in 2020 was the 150 years of birth of Gevorg Chavush, a hero of the Armenian national liberation movement. On this occasion, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the “Gevorg Chavush-150”

collector coin, adding to the series of collector coins dedicated to Armenian commanders from different periods in history.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of victory over the Nazi Germany and its allies in the Great Patriotic War was a remarkable event for the people of the former USSR. The Central Bank of Armenia was among central banks of the former Soviet countries to have issued the collector coin dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the victory, thus once again highlighting the role of the sons of Armenia, who heroically fought against the enemy and contributed greatly to the victory.

Emphasizing the role of state and social figures in preserving the national identity of Armenian people, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a collector coin dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of Khrimyan Hayrik, the 125th Catholicos of All Armenians. That issue marked the historical significance of Khrimyan Hayrik in the social, political and cultural life of Armenian people, his unwavering devotion to the homeland.

In 2020, in close cooperation with the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin the Central Bank of Armenia issued a silver collector coin “Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin”, which was unprecedented for its artistic design and application of complex technical solutions.

Remaining committed to the currency issue policy steered to increasing awareness of centuries-old history and culture of the Armenian people through notes and coins, the Central Bank of Armenia presents each year collector coins to international numismatic contests. We were pleased to know that at the 14th international contest “Coin Constellation 2020”, held in Russia, the collector coin of the 2019 issue dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of the world-famous Armenian composer and musicologist Komitas won the 3rd place in the “Collector Coin of the Year” category. This subsequent prize is undoubtedly a result of distinguished styling of Armenian collector coins and application of modern minting technologies.



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COLLECTOR COINS 2020

In 2020, the Central Bank of Armenia cooperated with the Lithuanian Mint and B.H. Mayer Mint of Germany having issued nine types of collector coins, eight of which were jubilee. The jubilee coins minted at the Lithuanian Mint were a supplement to the thematic series of collector coins “Celebrities”, “History” and “Religion”.

The thematic series “Celebrities” were added with two gold collector coins dedicated to the 100th birth anniversary of the well-known French-Armenian painter Jansem and the 125th birth anniversary of the famous Armenian actor Hrachya Nersisyan. Designed in a classic style, these coins stand out with expressiveness of depiction of the prominent individuals’ portraits and their field of activity on the small surfaces.

Such silver collector coins as “Jansem-100”, “Yeghishe Tadevosyan-150” and “Henri Verneuil-100” were also issued under the thematic series “Celebrities”. These collector coins are inserted in illustrated booklets containing detail information on biographies and activities of the talented artists, which is accompanied by colorful scenery and photography related to their creative life. These coins were minted using a color pad-printing technology.

In 2020, as part of the thematic series “History”, a silver collector coin was issued to commemorate the 75th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War. The coin is distinctive with its austere design and state-of-the-art technical solutions. The use of pad-printing technique made it possible to accurately reproduce the color images of the Order of the First Degree of the Patriotic War, as well as the Ribbon of Saint George.

Two silver collector coins dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of the hero of Armenian liberation movement Gevorg Chavush and the 200th birth anniversary of Catholicos of All Armenians and public activist Khrimyan Hayrik were minted in the classical style. The shield and the sword on the first coin, symbolizing the strong and unbreakable spirit of the Armenian warrior, became more expressive thanks to the use of deep engraving, whereas Khrimyan Hayrik’s behest to the generations and signature were performed with delicate laser engraving.

As part of further cooperation with B.H. Mayer Mint of Germany, a silver collector coin “Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin” was issued in 2020. Weighing 1 kg, the coin is a remarkable achievement among coin issuances by the Central Bank of Armenia. Technically sophisticated solutions, including a Smartminting[©] technology applied to the obverse and reverse, make this collector coin distinguishable; it got its unique magnificent look thanks to the partially gilded image of the Cathedral’s altar and the use of color pad-printing technology. The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin assisted us in developing the coin design, including by way of providing appropriate information materials.

In 2020, as in previous years, the collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia received a great deal of attention from note and coin collectors worldwide as well as the general public as a result of carefully selected themes, unique design and novel technologies.

KHRIMYAN HAYRIK

*200th anniversary
of the birth*

Theme: **Religion**
Christianity

MKRTICH I VANETSI KHRIMYAN (Khrimyan Hayrik, 1820-1907), a public, political and cultural figure, Catholicos of All Armenians since 1893.

Khrimyan received informal education at parochial schools on Lim and Ktuts islands in Lake Van (Vaspourakan Province, Western Armenia). In 1855 he launched “Artsui Vaspurakan”, the first periodical publication in Armenia. Later, in 1863, another periodical “Artsvik Tarono” was founded. Khrimyan established Zharangavorats schools (schools for clergymen) at Varagavanq Monastery and St. Karapet Monastery of Moush.

In 1854 Khrimyan became a celibate priest (vardapet) and in 1868 was consecrated as bishop. He appealed to the authorities of a number of European countries to settle the Armenian Issue diplomatically. In 1878 he headed the Armenian delegation at the Congress of Berlin.

Khrimyan supported creation and operation of “Black Cross” and “Protector of Homeland”, underground organizations in Van and Karin, respectively, fighting for national liberation, for which he was exiled to Jerusalem. As the Catholicos of All Armenians, he continued his national liberation activities.

Khrimyan authored books that tackled religious, philosophical, poetic and other relevant topics, by which he expressed the emotions and suffering of the people.



Obverse: the building of the Khrimyan Museum-gallery, a rosace, a fragment from the “Metal scoop” spring monument (author – Areg Israyelyan), a behest by Khrimyan Hayrik and his signature.

Reverse: a portrait of Khrimyan Hayrik.

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.

The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ^o
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs
In circulation from	05.03.2020

Theme: **Celebrities**
Armenian Commanders

GEVORG CHAVUSH

*150th anniversary
of the birth*



GEVORG CHAVUSH (Gevorg Ghazaryan, 1870-1907), a hero of the Armenian liberation movement, a fedai.

Chavush received education at St. Karapet Monastery School in Moush. He participated in the self-defense battles of Sasun (1891-1894). In September of 1894, the Turkish government arrested and sentenced Chavush to 15 years in prison. In 1896, he made a prison escape to Sasun, then met General Andranik and became armed companion with him. In 1901, Chavush participated in the battles of Berdak, Norshen and Arakelots monasteries, in 1904 - in the Sasun uprising, led the self-defense operations of Ishkhanadzor and Talvorik. Chavush's fighting group heroically fought against dominant Turkish forces in various parts of Western Armenia. On May 27, 1907, Turkish troops surrounded the Chavush's detachment in the village of Sulukh in the Mush valley, where at the approaches to the village, near the bridge Chavush was killed in an unequal battle.

Chavush is one of the prominent figures of the Armenian liberation movement, who rose up against the Turkish regime in Western Armenia, a selfless fighter dedicated to the liberation of his people.

In Yerevan the monument to Chavush (sculptor Levon Tokmajyan) was erected on the square named after him. There are also streets, schools in Yerevan and other places of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Artsakh that are named after him.



Obverse: a shield and a sword against the background of the rays of sunshine.

Reverse: prototype of the sculptural portrait of Gevorg Chavush (a fragment from the memorial complex dedicated to the Armenian hajduk, sculptor – Yuri Minasyan) and an eagle with a sword.

Designed by Karapet Abrahamyan.

The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ^o
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs
In circulation from	21.04.2020

Theme: **History**

*75th anniversary of
the victory in
the Great
Patriotic War*



May 9 is a Great Victory Day for families living in any part of the former Soviet Union. Our fathers and grandfathers made that victory and served as an example of heroism and true patriotism to future generations.



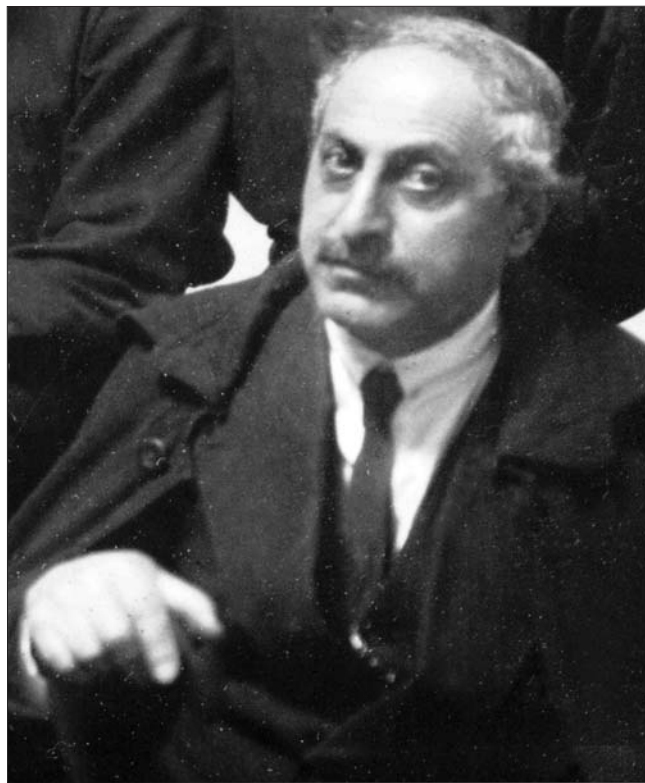
The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	75 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ^o
Weight	67,2 g
Diameter	50,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs
In circulation from	21.04.2020

Theme: **Celebrities**
Fine Arts

YEGHISHE TADEVOSSIAN

*150th anniversary
of the birth*



YEGHISHE TADEVOSIAN (1870-1936), a well-known master of Armenian landscape and portrait painting, an honored art worker of the Armenian SSR (1935).



Tadevossian was born in Vagharshapat, Armenia. He studied at Ter-Hakobyan boarding house in Tiflis (1879-1881), Moscow's Lazarian Seminary (1881-1885) and School of Painting, Sculpture and Architecture (1885-1894). He worked as an art teacher at the Gevorgian Seminary in Etchmiadzin (1894-1895). Tadevossian participated in many exhibitions in Yerevan, Tiflis and Moscow. In 1916, he assisted in creating the Union of Armenian Artists, and was elected as its Chairman. He was one of the founders of the Georgian Academy of Art (1923) and one of its first professors.

Mainly a painter, Tadevossian exposed his talent in the field of graphics, applied arts, mosaic and sculpture as well.



Tadevossian's first works speak of a profound sense of color and loyalty to classical traditions. The landscapes created by the artist are peculiar as they express freshness and lyricism ("Aragats", 1917, "Ararat", 1934).

Tadevossian is a brilliant portraitist. The painter's mastery is shown in the early portraits ("A. Shirvanzade", 1929, "H. Tumanyan", 1933), and his last painting "Komitas", 1935, boasts a prominent portraiture. As a contemporary of the rise of the Armenian national liberation movement, Tadevossian periodically referred to the past of the Armenian people ("Funeral Repast: Death of Artashes", "Torq Angegh", 1910, "Arshak and Parandzem", 1921).

The works of Yeghishe Tadevossian are at the National Gallery of Armenia, Charents Museum of Literature and Art, the Moscow State Museum of the Oriental Art, and elsewhere.



Obverse: a fragment from Yeghishe Tadevossian's "Justine, the painter's wife" (1903) painting.

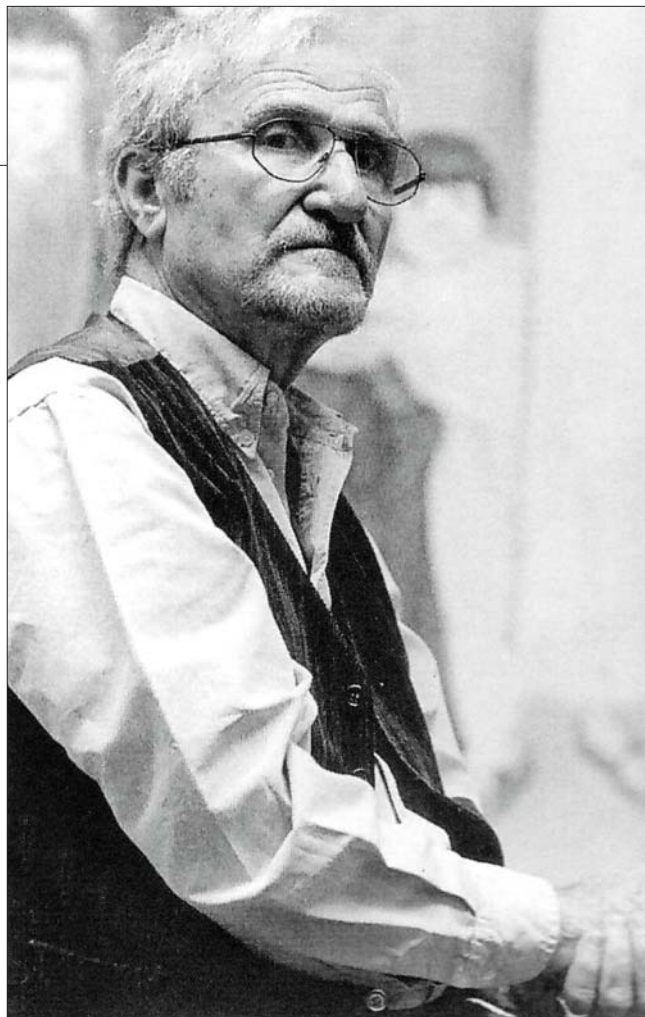
Reverse: fragments from Yeghishe Tadevossian's "Self-portrait" (1933), "Araqelots Church on the Sevan Island" (Sketch, 1934) paintings.

Designed by Lusine Lalayan.

The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	100
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	500
In circulation from	20.05.2020

Theme: **Celebrities**
Fine Arts



JANSEM

*100th anniversary
of the birth*

Jansem

JANSEM (Hovhannes Semerdjian, 1920-2013), a French-Armenian painter, a Foreign Member of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia.

In 1922 Jansem emigrated with his family from Turkey to Thessaloniki and then to Paris. He studied at Montparnasse Free Academy, and in 1939 graduated from the Paris High School of Decorative Arts.

Jansem created dozens of artworks with national motifs, thematic groups of paintings and portraits. His distinctive works are realistic and penetrated with humaneness. Expressive light colors in combination



Obverse: a fragment from the “Woman with Masks” (1978) painting.

Reverse: a portrait of Jansem.

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.

The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900 ^o
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs
In circulation from	05.03.2020



with sensual drawing make faces and movements of the represented figures more impressive and help to go insight into the aura of painting.

Jansem was honored with a number of international and state awards, including Order of St. Mesrop Mashtots (2002), Order of the French Legion of Honor (2003) and Order of Honor of the Republic of Armenia (2010).

Jansem's works are exhibited in many countries of the world. Many paintings are exposed in the National Gallery of Armenia, and the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute exhibits the famous "Genocide" (1998-2001) group of paintings.





Obverse: a fragment from the “Poppies” (1982) painting.

Reverse: a portrait of Janssen and a fragment from the “Woman in yellow” (1968) painting.

Designed by Lusine Lalayan.

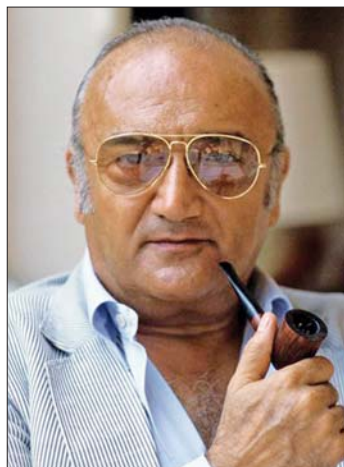
The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	500 pcs
In circulation from	05.03.2020

Theme: **Celebrities**
Cinema, Theatre

HENRY VERNEUIL

*100th anniversary
of the birth*



HENRI VERNEUIL (born Ashot Malakian, 1920-2002), a French filmmaker of Armenian origin, a writer, a member of French Academy of Fine Arts. He studied at the Applied Art School in Marseilles, and then entered the École Nationale d'Arts et Metiers in Aix-en-Provence. After graduation, he worked as a journalist. In 1945, appearing as Henri Verneuil he published a series of articles on the Armenian Question in "La Marseillaise". Starting from 1948,

Verneuil worked in cinema. He produced more than 40 films ("The Forbidden Fruit" (1952), "Maxim" (1958), "The President" (1961), among others, with the participation of world-class actors.

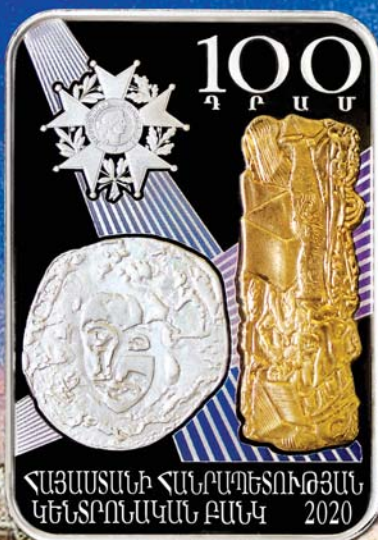


One of the best examples of contemporary cinematic art is Henri Verneuil's "Mayrig", a biographical film shot in 1991. It features the history of the Armenian family who survived the Armenian Genocide and migrated to France. In 1996, the film was awarded a César, and the script was translated and published into dozens of languages, becoming a credential for the adamant-like spirit and revival of Armenians.

BANDE ORIGINALE DU FILM DE

HENRI VERNEUIL

ayrig



Obverse: images of Order of the French Legion of Honor, Parajanov's Thaler and Cesar prizes awarded to Henri Verneuil.



Reverse: a portrait of Henri Verneuil, a videotape and the fragments of the posters of the "Forbidden Fruit" (1952) and "It Happened All Night" (1960) films.

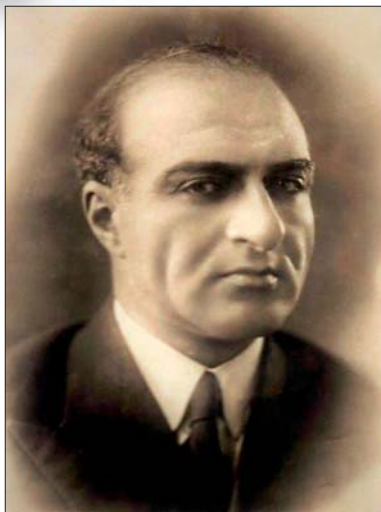
Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.

The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	100
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	500 pcs
In circulation from	20.05.2020

MUSIQUE COMPOSEE ET DIRIGEE PAR
JEAN-CLAUDE PETIT

Theme: **Celebrities**
Cinema, Theatre



HRACHIA NERSISYAN

*125th anniversary
of the birth*

Nersisyan's mastery and talent were fully revealed in his playing of Falstaff, Othello, King Lear ("The Funnier Women of Windsor", "Othello", "King Lear" by W. Shakespeare), Paghtasar Aghbar ("Paghtasar Aghbar" by H. Paronyan, Elizbaryan ("For the Sake of Honor" by A. Shirvanzade), Protasov ("Living Corpse"

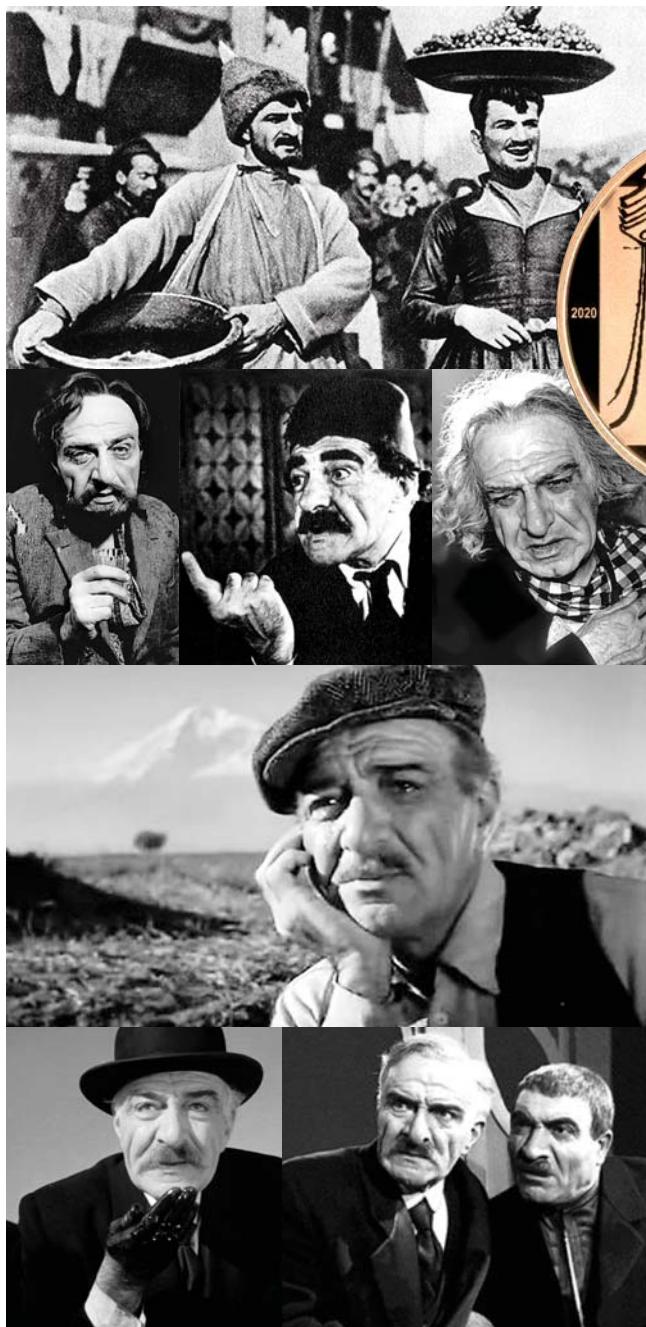
HRACHIA NERSISYAN (1895-1961), a prominent Armenian actor, People's Artist of the USSR (1956).

He received education at French and American Colleges, and at the Armenian Essayean College, Constantinople. Stage activity started as an actor in the Penklyan theater group. Starting 1919 he played at the theatre "Armenian drama" of Constantinople. In 1922, together with V. Papazyan, M. Janan and other actors, Nersisyan moved to Soviet Armenia and, starting 1923, he became a lifelong resident of Yerevan and an actor at the First State Theater (now the National Academic Theater after Sundukyan).

by L. Tolstoy), Mac-Gregor ("My Heart's in the Highlands" by W. Saroyan). Since 1925 he had starred in films as Rustam ("Namus", 1925), Pepo ("Pepo", 1935), Davit Bek ("Davit Bek", 1944), Ghambaryan ("Why the River is Making Noise", 1958), Nerses Aghbar ("Tzhvzhik", 1961) and in many other roles.

Mastering the art of personifying with great ease and using a broader spectrum of means for expressing, Nersisyan could equally portray tragic, dramatic, and comical roles, while conveying deep emotional content. Nersisyan's creative pathos is the compassion for the truly persecuted hero, which is emphasized in the artist's recent roles.

Artistic profile, aesthetic value of art and emotional appeal has given Hrachia Nersisyan wide popularity.



Obverse: a fragment of the bas-relief on the memorial dedicated to Hrachia Nersisyan (author – Stepan Kyurkchyan).

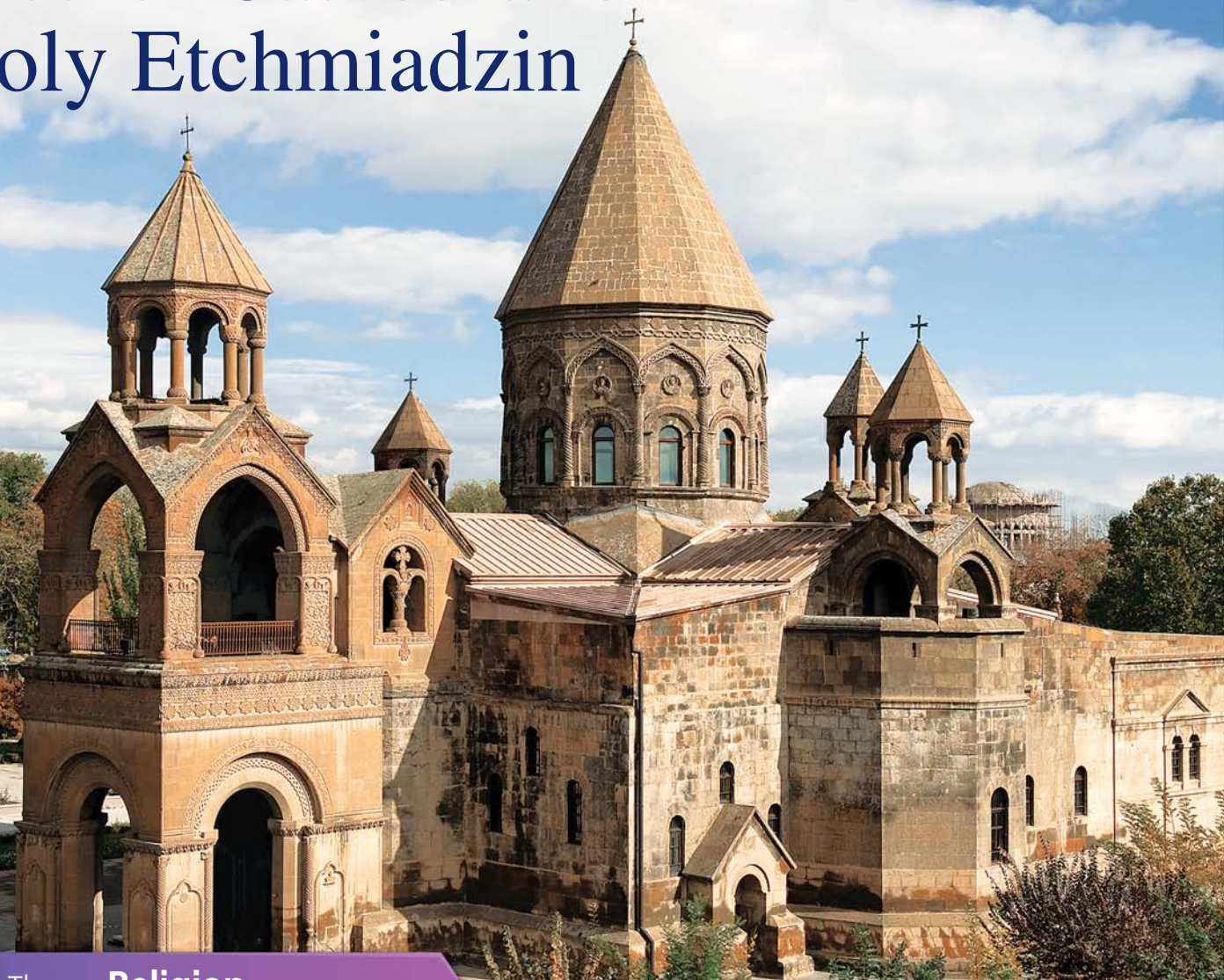
Reverse: a portrait of Hrachia Nersisyan (author – Nerses Kirakosyan).

Designed by Lusine Lalayan.

The coin is minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	10 000
Metal/fineness	gold 900 ^o
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs
In circulation from	20.05.2020

Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin



Theme: **Religion**
Religious monuments

The Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin is the spiritual center of all Armenians and the Holy See of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

The Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin is the first official cathedral of the Christian world, which was built in 301-303, initiated by and through the efforts of St. Trdat III Great Armenian king and St. Gregory the Illuminator. The temple was built based on the vision of St. Gregory the Illuminator, according to which the Only Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, descended to the Ararat Valley, the capital of Armenia Vagharshapat, and ordered that the temple of God – “the house of prayer and supplication of all believers, the seat of the priesthood” be right there.

The Mother Cathedral was originally built on a cruciform base with a central dome, making Holy Etchmiadzin the first cross-domed church in world ecclesiastical architecture. In the 17th century, a three-story bell tower was built to the western entrance of the Cathedral, with small bell towers added on the northern, eastern and southern apses. In 1869 three halls were built along the eastern wall of the Cathedral as a depository-museum. In 17-18th centuries, the interior of the Mother Cathedral was decorated with frescoes painted by the Hovnatanians, a famous family of painters.

Over the centuries, the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin has been renovated under the auspices of Armenian princes, national benefactors (Al. Mantashian, Gulbenkian Foundation, Louise Manoogian Simon and Manoogian family), benefiting generous donations of all Armenians, in cooperation with the Armenian state.

On the initiative of Garegin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, a comprehensive renovation of the Mother Cathedral began in 2012, which is scheduled to be completed in 2021.

In 2000 the Mother Cathedral was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Obverse: The Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Reverse: The altar of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin against the background of the inner part of the dome.

Author of the project: CIT Coin Invest AG, Liechtenstein.

The coin is minted in the B.H. Mayer Mint, Germany.



Face value	30100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 999 ^o
Weight	1000,0 g
Diameter	100,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	interrupted ribbed, numbered
Quantity of issue	301 pcs
In circulation from	21.12.2020







Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia by series and years of issue

(1994 - 2020)

ARMENIAN STATEHOOD

History of Statehood

Artsakh	(silver, 1994)
National Assembly Building	(silver, 1995)
Artashesian 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)

Armed Forces of Armenia

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

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)

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)

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)

Public and State Figures

Tigran the Great	(gold, 1999)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 2003)
King Vramshapouh	(silver, 2005)
Alexander Mantashian-175	(gold, 2017)
Galousté Gulbenkian-150	(gold, 2019)

Science

Anania Shirakatsi-1400	(silver, 2005)
Artem Mikoyan-100	(silver, 2005)
Viktor Hambardzumyan-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)

Literature

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

Fine Arts, Architecture

Arshile Gorky-100	(gold, 2004)
Martiros Sarian-125	(gold, 2005)
Hakob Gurjian-125	(gold, 2006)
Hovhannes Aivazovsky	(silver, 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)

Music

Aram Khachaturyan-100	(gold/silver, 2002)
Komitas	(gold, 2006)
Sayat-Nova-300	(gold, 2012)
Komitas-150	(silver, 2019)



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 Petrosyan-70	(silver, 1999)
Kings of Football	(silver, 2008-2011)
Pele, Eusebio, Lev Yashin, Franz Beckenbauer, Zbigniew Boniek, Yohan Cruyff, Mario Kempes, Michel Platini	

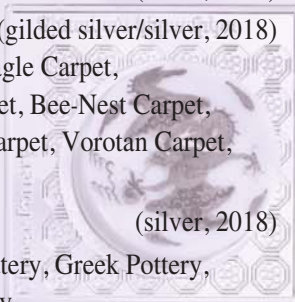
CULTURE

Science, Literature

1600 th Anniversary of Creation of the Armenian Alphabet	(gold, 2002)
1000 th Anniversary of the Poem “Book of Lamentations”	(silver, 2002)
50 th Anniversary of Establishment of Matenadaran	(silver, 2007)
825 th Years of “The Codex” written by Mkhitar Gosh	(silver, 2009)
725 th Anniversary of Glazdor University	(silver, 2009)
500 th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing	(silver, 2012)
Letters of Armenian Alphabet, 39 types	(gold/silver, 2013)
200 th Anniversary of Foundation of Lazarev Institute	(silver, 2015)
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of the History Museum of Armenia	(silver, 2019)
100 th Anniversary of Foundation of the Yerevan State University	(silver, 2019)

Art

75 th Anniversary of Establishment of the 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	



RELIGION

Mythology

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

Christianity

Noah Descending from Ararat	(gold, 1999)
Sahak A Partev	(silver, 2005)
Armenian Patriarchs of the 20 th Century	(gold, 2008)
St. Sargis the Commander	(gold, 2009)
Gospel Scenes in Armenian Miniatures	(silver, 2010)
Annunciation, Adoration of Magi, Entry to Jerusalem, Ascension	
200 th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna	(silver, 2011)
Noah's Ark (7,77 / 15,55 / 31,1 g)	(silver, 2012)

Noah's Ark (1,0 / 7,78 / 15,55 / 31,1 g)	(gold, 2017)
300 th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice	(silver, 2017)
Khrimyan Hayrik-200	(silver, 2020)

Religious monuments

Garni	(silver, 1994)
Holy Etchmiadzin	(gold/silver, 1998)
Ani	(gold/silver, 1998)
Haghat	(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 th Years of the Earthquake	(silver, 1998)
110 th Anniversary of the State Bank	(silver, 2003)
10 th Anniversary of the Court of Cassation of the Republic of Armenia	(gold, 2008)
Ani-1050	(gold, 2011)
Artashat-2200	(gold, 2011)
Centenary of the Armenian Genocide	(silver, 2015)
20 th Anniversary of the 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 the 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)
Skhitorashen Platanus, Hundred Horse Chestnut, Angel Oak, General Sherman Tree	

Fauna

Caucasian Otter	(silver/Cu75Ni25, 1997)
Armenian Gull	(silver/Cu75Ni25, 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 monuments

Labyrinths of the World (silver, 2016-2017)
Boston Labyrinth, Vaals Labyrinth,
Barselona Labyrinth, Mazone Labyrinth

SPORT

32 nd Chess Olympiad	(silver, 1996)
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32 nd Chess Olympiad	(Cu75Ni25, 1996)
XVIII 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)

SYMBOLS

The Signs of Zodiac (silver, 2007-2008/gold, 2008-2009)
Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo,
Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn,
Aquarius, Pisces



Armenian Collector Coins Issue Program 2021

Arno Babajanyan-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	500 pcs

Alexander Spendiaryan-150

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

Grigor Tatevatsi-675

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

200th Anniversary of Establishment of Armenian Philanthropic College in Kolkata

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

100th Anniversary of the Gabriel Sundukyan National Academic Theater

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

30th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991-2021)

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ⁰
Weight	168,1 g
Diameter	63,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even, numbered
Quantity of issue	300 pcs

100th Anniversary of Establishment of Petros Adamyan Armenian State Drama Theater in Tbilisi

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

CIS-30

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925 ⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	38,61 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs



Mints

In 2020 the Central Bank of Armenia collaborated with the Lithuanian Mint and the German B.H. Mayer Mint. All collector coins of 2020 year of issue were minted in the Lithuanian Mint, except for the collector coin “Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin”, which was minted by B.H. Mayer Mint.



Lithuanian Mint

The Lithuanian Mint was founded on December 10, 1990, in Vilnius. In the first years of operation,



the Mint had been striking only circulating coins, and in 1993 it began striking collector coins too. Thanks to

the use of modern equipment, technological innovations and high quality products, the Lithuanian Mint today is considered one of the leaders in the market for production of numismatic values. The prizes earned at the World Money Fair held in Berlin in 2020 is a good evidence of that.

The Lithuanian Mint cooperates with central banks of a number of countries (Armenia, Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Luxembourg, Finland).

The Lithuanian Mint has been cooperating with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2001. A great variety of collector coins selected under coin issuance programs 2014-2020, including the ones which earned awards at international numismatic contests (“The Centenary of the Armenian Genocide”, “Yerevan-2800”, “150th Anniversary of Birth of Komitas”, others), were produced by the Mint.

B.H. Mayer Mint

B.H. Mayer Mint was founded in 1871. It is considered one of the best private mints in the world. Significant inputs and efforts invested in minting technologies has led the Mint to succeed greatly in the international numismatics market. In recent decades, the Mint has been widely using technological innovations, which allows it to produce top-class numismatic values.



B.H. Mayer Mint cooperates with many companies, although one of its main partners is the Liechtenstein-based “CIT Coin Invest AG”, which was founded in 1970.

The cooperation of the Central Bank of Armenia with B.H. Mayer Mint started in 2010 and maintains up to date. More than 20 types of silver collector coins have been issued in the framework of international numismatic programs “Beauty of Flowers”, “Jazz”, “Cross-stones of Armenia”, “Treasures of Etchmiadzin”, “Holy Relics of Etchmiadzin”, some of which are award-winners at international contests.



International contest – 2020

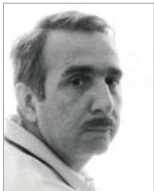
At the 14th international contest **“Coin Constellation–2020”** held in the Russian Federation, the silver collector coin dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of the world-renowned Armenian composer and musicologist Komitas was awarded the 3rd prize in the **“Coin of the Year”** category.

As much as 26 organizations from 17 countries applied to participate in the contest, by presenting 159 collector coins issued in 2019.

The winner collector coins were selected by an international jury.

The authors of the design for **“Komitas-150”** collector coin are Vardan Vardanyan (*obverse*) and Eduard Kurghinyan (*reverse*).

The collector coin was minted in the Lithuanian Mint.



VARDAN VARDANYAN is an architect by profession.

He is known as a designer of Armenian stamps and collector coins. One of his works, the stamp “Europe”, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the scout movement, was recognized the best at the contest of works among 50 European postal operators in 2009. He is an author of many designs for collector coins. The collector coin “500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing” authored by him in 2013 was recognized to be the best at the 10th international contest held in Vicenza, Italy, and the collector coin “Yerevan-2800” is a winner of the 13th international contest “Coin Constellation-2019” (Russia).



EDUARD KURGHINYAN is a Correspondent Member to the All-Armenian Academy of Philately and Numismatics, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Associate Professor. Mr. Kurghinyan has won numerous international awards and medals, is an author of about 50 stamps, postcards, booklets and collector coins. Among international award-winning collector coins authored by him are “Tanacetum Zangezuricum”, “Jazz”, “Artashat-2200” and “Movses Khorenatsi-1600”. In addition, for circulating commemorative coins of the “Wild Trees of Armenia” series, he was awarded an honorary prize in the “Best Circulating Commemorative Coin-2015” category at the International Numismatic Contest organized by International Association of Currency Affairs in Madrid, Spain.

Internal contest – 2020

In 2021 the Central Bank of Armenia organized an internal contest for Armenian collector coins in the category
“The Best Collector coin of the Year”.

All collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2020 took part in the contest.

The CBA employees gave their preference to **“Jansem-100”** gold collector coin designed by *Eduard Kurghinyan* and **“Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin”** silver collector coin with *CIT Coin Invest AG, Liechtenstein* as an author of the project.



Armenian currency issue coordinating team

The team of the Central Bank of Armenia that coordinates issuance of Armenian currency was formed in 2004 and has been staffed with new employees over the years. The team carries out various functions related to issuance of Armenian banknotes and coins:

- ▶ organization of production and supply of circulating and collector banknotes and coins, commemorative and investment coins,
- ▶ elucidation of the banknotes and coins issued: publication of informative booklets, annual journals dedicated to collector coins, and numismatic books,

- ▶ replenishment of the numismatic collection of the Central Bank of Armenia,
- ▶ ensuring participation of the banknotes and coins in international competitions.

Due to the professional skills and commitment to the work, the team has achieved great success bringing numerous awards to the Central Bank of Armenia, including 18 prizes from international competitions held in the United States of America, Europe and Russia.

Armenian banknotes and coins have been presented in international conferences and honored special attention of the specialists in the field.



We do our job with love, constantly improve our skills and acquire knowledge to win new achievements.



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