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AUTHORS' COIN DESIGN

Summary

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Coins have been an integral part of humanity's way of life of the last two millennia. During their long period of existence they acquired far more functions than the pure economic need for money. Their design reflects the cultural features and peculiarities of historic epochs. Through the images on both sides of these small objects one can trace all important historic events for the peoples using them. One sees the images of great rulers who changed the world history, of remarkable architectural creations, state symbols, even mythological scenes, etc. The words of the well-known Bulgarian sculptor Lyubomir Prahov are often quoted - „Coins are pocket monuments, tracing human history”.

In spite of the expectations of a number of economists and representatives of various social studies, coins lost none of their importance even in the age of information technologies, whereas their value aspect is not diminished but remains substantial and in certain periods of economic development acquires even leading importance. The importance of coins as an element of value accumulation remains dominant in the contemporary world. The reasons for this are partially pragmatic but also connected to their symbolic importance, deeply integrated in social consciousness.

Nowadays coins are made not only for inclusion into a country's monetary system but also as a way of celebrating important dates, historic events, scientific achievements, anniversaries of important persons, etc.

The Bulgarian National Bank has a long-term national monetary program setting several basic topics – famous Bulgarian artists, medieval Bulgarian rulers, Bulgarian traditions

and customs, nature phenomena, etc. Competitions for jubilee coins are often announced with concrete themes within the basic topics.

Starting with 1990 to this day I have designed over 40 coins realized as a result of my winning of national competitions announced by the Bulgarian National Bank, the coins being part of Bulgaria's national monetary program. In the wider summary of my creative works I have made a retrospection of some of the coins I have designed. They have become part of the monetary system of the Republic of Bulgaria.

This is a list of the awards I have received from national competitions in the time between 1994 and 2021:

First award for a jubilee coin on the occasion of: **100th anniversary since the birth of Stoyanka Mutafova, emission 2021**

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **Bulgarian traditions and customs.**

Nestinars (Dancing on embers), emission 2020

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **Medieval Bulgarian rulers. Tzar Ivan Assen II**", emission 2018, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„140 years since Bulgaria's Liberation"**, emission 2018, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

Second award of BNB national competition for a jubilee coin on the topic **"Kukeri"(Carnival figures).**

Second award of BNB national competition for a jubilee golden coin on the topic of **"Birth Christi"**.

Second award of BNB national competition for a jubilee coin on the topic **"125th anniversary since the birth of Geo Milev"** – second variant, emission 2018, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

Third award of BNB national competition for a jubilee coin on the topic **"125th anniversary since the birth of Geo Milev"** – first variant, emission 2018, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **" Medieval Bulgarian rulers – Khan Tervel"**, emission 2017, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award of BNB national competition for a silver memorial coin on the topic: **„Saint Kliment of Ochrid"**, emission 2016, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award of BNB national competition for a silver memorial coin on the topic: **“140 years since the April Uprising”**, emission 2016, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„250 years since Istorija Slavyanobulgarska was written”**, emission 2012, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„Bulgarian churches and monasteries – the Zograph monastery”**, emission 2011, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **”Medieval Bulgarian rulers – Khan Krum”**, emission 2011, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„Traditional Bulgarian crafts – pottery”**, emission 2009, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„130 years since the Liberation of Bulgaria”**, emission 2008, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„ Famous Bulgarian voices – Boris Christov”**, emission 2008, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„Famous Bulgarian voices – Nikolai Gyaurov”**, emission 2008, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„Bulgaria’s treasures – Sepht the Third”**, emission 2008, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: **„Famous Bulgarian voices – Boris Christov”**, emission 2007, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: **„Football World Championship, Germany, 2003”** emission 2003, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a jubilee coin on the topic: **„120 Years of Bulgaria’s Independence”**, emission 2005, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

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First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: „**Bulgaria’s Association to the European Union. The Pantokrator Chirch, 2000**”, emission 2000, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: „**XXVII Summer Olympic Games, Sidney (Australia), 2000. Weight Lifting**”, emission 2000, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: „**XXVII Summer Olympic Games, Sidney (Australia), 2000. High jumping**”, emission 2000, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic:”**Singing child**”, emission 1997, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

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First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: ” **Football World Championship France,** monetary program.

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First award for a silver jubilee coin on the topic: **XV Football World Championship, USA, 1994 • A Football Net**, BNB national competition, part of the BNB monetary program.

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