



"Devil's Bridge"

The Devil built in the canton of Uri a bridge. His claim, the first soul to cross the bridge would belong to him, was avoided by means of a fabulous inspiration; they sent a billy-goat across.

Beautiful landscapes, combined with legendary creatures leave sinister marks on man-kind and nature. However, the knowledge that most fables have a happy ending raises hopes and great strength and combined with ingenuity and audacity the fears turn off.

Peter Emch



Characteristics



Model
"Devil's Bridge"

Artist
Peter Emch, Zurich

Technical Data
Alloy: Silver 0,835
Weight: 20 g
Diameter: 33 mm

Legal tender value
20 francs

Date of issue
18 August 1994

Mintage
Standard coinage, uncirculated:
240 000 pieces

Proof: 32 200 pieces
(including coins for sets)

Coinage
Swiss Federal Mint, Berne

Distribution
Swiss National Bank
CH-3003 Berne
Phone 031-312 02 11

1994

Official Swiss
commemorative coin



The first Swiss commemorative coin was minted in 1936. Since 1974 the Confederation issues yearly one commemorative coin with a contemporary topic in two versions: uncirculated (standard coinage) and proof-quality (especially for coin collectors).

These coins are the creations of Swiss artists. The Federal Administration of Finances in co-operation with the Federal Office of Culture performs competitions of fine arts or places corresponding individual orders.

The net profits resulting from the sales of the series are appointed to support Swiss cultural projects by means of lump sum payments.

The Artist

Peter Emch was born 1945 in Bienne. After completing his studies at the arts-and-craft school he left Bienne and worked as a graphic artist in Paris and Zurich. Due to a scholarship awarded by the municipality of Zurich he was able to spend a formative period in New York.

Since 1980 Peter Emch teaches at the arts-and-crafts school in Zurich.

In various notable exhibitions throughout Europe and America his creations specifically drawings, wood-engravings and oil paintings roused a great interest.

The series



The commemorative coins HELVETICA from 1994 to 1996 are dedicated to the set topic "Landscape". The first coin of this four-piece set for coin collectors and art-lovers is dedicated to the "Devil's Bridge".

Peter Emch not only evokes memories of the past with his four fabulous creatures dominating typical Swiss landscapes but also gives an original contribution to the renaissance of Swiss mythology.

The four-piece set in proof-quality will be issued 1996 in short supply (5000 sets). Availability from summer 1995.