



Press release

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Two new commemorative coins issued: "Friedrich Dürrenmatt" and "fox"

On 21 January 2021, the Federal Mint Swissmint will launch two new commemorative coins for coin collectors, enthusiasts and fans. Friedrich Dürrenmatt, one of the most successful German-language writers, who would have celebrated his hundredth birthday this year, is being honoured with a silver coin. Swissmint is concluding the three-part "Swiss forest animals" series with the "fox" bimetallic coin.

Friedrich Dürrenmatt 20-franc silver coin

Playwright, story-teller, essayist and artist, Friedrich Dürrenmatt was born on 5 January 1921 in Konolfingen near Bern and died on 14 December 1990 in Neuchâtel. Dürrenmatt began his studies in literature, philosophy and natural science in 1941. It was during this time that he produced his first literary texts, as well as ink drawings and paintings. In 1946, he abandoned his studies after deciding to become a writer. He is most famous for his plays *The Visit* and *The Physicists*, and the crime novels *The Judge and his Hangman* and *The Pledge*. His work has been translated into over 40 languages and has received numerous prizes, making him one of the most successful German-speaking writers of international renown.

His paintings and drawings, which are curated by the Centre Dürrenmatt Neuchâtel, are somewhat less famous.

By issuing the 20-franc silver coin on the occasion of Friedrich Dürrenmatt's 100th birthday, Swissmint is honouring this outstanding Swiss writer and artist for his art and literary work.

"Fox" 10-franc bimetallic coin from the Swiss forest animals series

The expression "sly as a fox" is deeply rooted and the pointy-faced predators appear in many fables and fairy tales in the role of the clever and cunning animal. Foxes live almost everywhere, whether in warm North Africa or in cold Siberia, and they know exactly how best to find food even under difficult conditions. After the deer and the hare, the fox is the third and last motif in the three-part "Swiss forest animals" series. The obverse of the commemorative 10-franc bimetallic coin was designed by graphic artist and designer Naomi Andrea Giewald from Eastern Switzerland. In the centre of the image is a fox's head. A fox's paw prints can also be seen on the outer ring.

New circulation coin sets

Also in January 2021, Swissmint will be issuing the new circulation coin sets in various versions with the "fox" 10-franc bimetallic coin. Alongside the popular classic "brilliant uncirculated" and "proof" versions, the birthday coin set and the much-loved baby coin set are also available.

Quality descriptions for coins

Uncirculated: minted in normal machine production, presented in a blister pack.

Folder: uncirculated coin presented in a smart, colour illustrated card folder with additional pictures and information in four languages on the coin subject and the artist.

Proof: highest minting quality, individual production, the coin die is used only around 500 times, coin planchets are polished and surface-treated in an elaborate process. Coins are individually packed in coin capsules, and sold in a presentation case complete with numbered certificate of authenticity.

The Federal Mint Swissmint

The Federal Mint Swissmint produces the country's coins for use in everyday payment transactions. The Federal Mint also regularly issues commemorative coins and coinage of a higher standard for the numismatic market. Commemorative coins in bimetals, silver or gold bear an official, state-guaranteed, nominal value and are available in various minting qualities.

Note to the press

This press release and pictures of our current commemorative coin issues can be downloaded at the following links:

<https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/medien.php>

<https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/medien/index.php>

For additional background on the current series of commemorative coins and the designers, see our customer magazine Heads or Tails

https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/kopf_zahl.php

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Friedrich Dürrenmatt silver coin



Images shown enlarged



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<i>Motif</i>	Friedrich Dürrenmatt
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	21 January 2021
<i>Mintage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncirculated: 15,000 units 14,000 units in blister pack, 1,000 in folder• Proof in presentation case: 5,000 units with numbered certificate of authenticity
<i>Recommended prices</i>	Uncirculated in blister pack: CHF 30 in folder: CHF 40 Proof in presentation case: CHF 60
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at www.swissmintshop.ch as well some coin dealers and banks
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint, CH-3003 Bern, www.swissmint.ch

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Fox bimetallic coin

Swiss forest animals series



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Motif	Fox
Artist	Naomi Giewald, St Gallen
Technical specifications	Alloy: outer ring in aluminium-bronze, core made of copper-nickel Weight: 15g Diameter: 33mm
Legal face value	10 Swiss francs
Date of issue	21 January 2021
Mintage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncirculated: 28,000 units: 19,000 units in blister pack, 1,000 in folder and 8,000 in coin set*• Proof: 5,500 units: 3,000 in presentation case with numbered certificate of authenticity and 2,500 in coin set*
Recommended prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncirculated, in blister pack: CHF 20 / coin set: CHF 40 in folder CHF 30• Proof in presentation case: CHF 45 / coin set: CHF 85
Sold by	Online at www.swissmintshop.ch as well some coin dealers and banks
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*Contents of coin set = 7 circulation coins and 1 commemorative coin

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Coin sets 2021

2021 CLASSIC COIN SET

with Fox bimetallic coin

Legal face value: 18.85 Swiss francs
Alloy: Copper-nickel and aluminium-bronze
Measurements: 171mm x 106mm x 8mm



Quality: Brilliant uncirculated
Mintage: 8,000 units
Recommended price: CHF 40
Date of issue: 21 January 2021



Quality: Proof
Mintage: 2,500 units
Recommended price: CHF 85
Date of issue: 21 January 2021

2021 BABY COIN SET

with bear medal

Quality: Brilliant uncirculated
Legal face value: 8.85 Swiss francs
Alloy: Copper-nickel and aluminium-bronze
Measurements: 171mm x 106mm x 8mm



Mintage: 7,000 units
Recommended price: CHF 40
Available from: 1 January 2021

2021 BIRTHDAY COIN SET

with birthday medal



Mintage: 2,000 units
Recommended price: CHF 40
Available from: 1 January 2021

Sold by: Online at www.swissmintshop.ch as well some coin dealers and banks

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