

Design: Remo Mascherini

Remo Mascherini was born in Florence, Italy, in 1958 and grew up in Kehrsatz in the canton of Bern after his parents moved to Switzerland. After he finished school, he completed four years of vocational training in engraving under the renowned Bernese relief engraver Klaus Graber. He also attended the Bern School of Arts and Crafts (now called the School of Design), where he completed courses in engraving, drawing and three-dimensional design. Having spent many years working for companies in the packaging and graphic arts industry, he has a wealth of professional experience, particularly in his specialisation of relief and steel-plate engraving. Since 2009, he has been designing his engraving templates and reliefs on a computer using a CAD/CAM system. In 2013, Remo Mascherini took up the post of engraver at Swissmint.



Characteristics

Effigy

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Artist

Remo Mascherini, Flamatt

Technical data

Alloy: gold 0,999

Weight: 0,063g

Diameter: 2,96mm

Legal face value

¼ Swiss franc

Date of issue

23 January 2020

Selling period

Up to 22 January 2023
or while stocks last

Mintage

Special minting:
999 pieces



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Official commemorative coins

Each year, the Federal Mint Swissmint issues a small number of commemorative coins featuring carefully selected subjects. The coins in bimetal, silver and gold bear an official nominal value and are available in various minting qualities – as collectors' pieces in their own right or as an exquisite gift.

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For the obverse of the smallest gold coin in the world, Swissmint drew inspiration from Albert Einstein, not least because of his determination and patience. From 1895 to 1914, Einstein lived mainly in Switzerland, where he also completed his studies in 1900, at today's ETH in Zurich. In 1901, he was granted Swiss citizenship and in 1902 he found permanent employment as a technical expert in the Patents Office in Bern. It was in 1905 that he published what is probably the most famous formula in the world: $E=mc^2$.

The obverse of the smallest coin therefore features the famous image of Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue, and the year

date 2020. The reverse shows the nominal value of ¼ franc together with the inscription "Helvetia" and the Swiss cross, supplemented by the alloy mark "AU 999.9" and the weight (1/500 ounce).

It goes without saying that the smallest gold coin in the world comes in specially developed packaging. After all, neither image on the minted sides can be discerned with the naked eye. So Swissmint has commissioned special packaging complete with magnifying lenses and light, ensuring that you can examine the smallest gold coin while still keeping it safely stored.