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Dear coin collectors and coin enthusiasts,

We are delighted to present our 2023 coin programme to you. This year, we are introducing three new coin series: the 2 euro commemorative coin series 'German Federal States II', the 50 euro gold coin series 'German Craftsmanship' and the 100 euro gold coin series 'Masterpieces of German Literature'. We will present each of these series separately on the following pages. The popular 'Grimms' Fairytales' series also comes to a fitting conclusion: the 20 euro collector coin 'Hans in Luck' focuses on the titular character of the German folk tale.

Another highlight of the year is the latest edition in the 5 euro colour print series 'The Wonderful World of Insects', with four coins to be issued each quarter. Also available is a collector album featuring interesting information about insects and a safe place to store all of the coins. The second motif to be issued in the 10 euro polymer ring coin series 'Serving Society' is the 'Fire Fighters' coin.

Artists who have played an important role in the cultural (and humorous) lives of the German people will be honoured with the 20 euro collector coins '125th Birthday of Bertolt Brecht' and '100th Birthday of Vicco von Bülow (Loriot)', while the 20 euro collector coin '400 Years of the Calculator by Wilhelm Schickard' will honour the important invention of the astronomer and mathematician from Tübingen.

We hope you enjoy exploring our annual programme and we wish you lots of fun expanding your collections.

Your Münze Deutschland

THE STANDOUT IN 2023: THE LAUNCH OF THREE NEW COIN SERIES.

SERIES LAUNCH

24
JAN
2023



2 EURO COMMEMORATIVE COIN SERIES GERMAN FEDERAL STATES II

Following the conclusion of the 2 euro commemorative coin series 'German Federal States' in 2022 with the 'Thuringia' motif, the numismatic journey through Germany's federal states continues in 2023. The new series 'German

Federal States II' will again focus on local attractions and sights in different states. The series begins with the 2 euro commemorative coin 'Hamburg'.



SERIES LAUNCH

07
AUG
2023



50 EURO GOLD COIN SERIES GERMAN CRAFTSMANSHIP

‘A trade in hand finds gold in every land’ – or mints golden coins. The series highlights the diversity and importance of German craftsmanship, typically consisting of medium-sized businesses under family ownership and run by master craftspeople who produce their goods themselves and can vouch for their quality. The series will consist of five coins and kicks off with a motif entitled ‘Food’.

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SERIES LAUNCH

02
OCT
2023

100 EURO GOLD COIN SERIES MASTERPIECES OF GERMAN LITERATURE

The new series, which will consist of eight coins, will showcase literary works that are of great importance to German culture. First up is ‘Faust’, by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, one of the best-known works in literary history throughout the world.

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'The Wonderful World of Insects' series

SEVEN-SPOTTED LADYBIRD

DATE OF ISSUE	09.03.2023
MINT	Berlin (A)
ARTISTS	Anna Martha Napp, Lübow (obverse) / Andre Witting, Berlin (reverse)
EDGE LETTERING	WUNDERWELT INSEKTEN • (THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 100,000 pieces ²



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A symbol of happiness

The seven-spotted ladybird is one of the world's most recognisable insects and is often seen in domestic gardens, as both the larvae and the adult insects feed on aphids and scale insects. The coin features a ladybird in flight, enabling features such as the hind wings to be seen, which otherwise remain invisible. This creates a special dynamic and a lively look, which is supported by the use of colour.



'The Wonderful World of Insects' series

SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY

DATE OF ISSUE	15.06.2023
MINT	Karlsruhe (G)
ARTISTS	Bastian Prillwitz, Berlin (obverse) / Andre Witting, Berlin (reverse)
EDGE LETTERING	WUNDERWELT INSEKTEN • (THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 100,000 pieces ²



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Butterfly in the wind

Of the approximately 3,700 butterfly species that are native to Germany, the swallowtail is one of the largest and most striking. It is an important pollinator of wild plants and, like other butterflies, its existence is threatened and it is a protected species. The coin motif shows an adult swallowtail in flight. The sense of motion into the coin creates a strong dynamic, visually captured by the depiction of the caterpillar and its food plant.



‘The Wonderful World of Insects’ series

RED MASON BEE

DATE OF ISSUE	07.09.2023	
MINT	Munich (D)	
ARTISTS	Claudius Riedmiller, Stuttgart (obverse) / Andre Witting, Berlin (reverse)	Find out more here!
EDGE LETTERING	WUNDERWELT INSEKTEN • (THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS)	
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike	
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 100,000 pieces ²	

Spring is here

The red mason bee, which resembles a small bumblebee, is a sign of springtime. Once we spot this furry wild bee, we can rest assured that winter frost has passed. It is one of 700 species of wild bees in Central Europe and plays a vital role as a pollinator of wild and cultivated plants. The design of the insect on the coin motif is captivating and vivid, and is expertly enhanced by the use of colour.



5 euro colour-printed coin



'The Wonderful World of Insects' series

BANDED DEMOISELLE

DATE OF ISSUE	09.11.2023
MINT	Hamburg (J)
ARTISTS	Detlef Behr, Cologne (obverse) / Andre Witting, Berlin (reverse)
EDGE LETTERING	WUNDERWELT INSEKTEN • (THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 100,000 pieces ²



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Resplendent dragonfly

The flapping, fluttering form of flight of the banded demoiselle, reminiscent of butterflies, is as unmistakable as its metallic blue-green shimmering body and its colourful wings. The mating process for dragonflies is unique: tandem flight and mating wheels are

behaviours that can often be observed by casual walkers. The colouring of the coin subtly depicts the iridescence of the wings and directs the eye to the dragonfly, giving the overall scene an understated sense of tension.



'The Wonderful World of Insects' collector album
A SAFE PLACE FOR INSECTS

The 5 euro colour-printed series 'The Wonderful World of Insects' comprises nine coins and will be complete in 2024 – a perfect gift for children and teenagers for occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, confirmation or communion. There is a matching high-quality collector album which provides selected picture motifs, profiles and additional interesting information for all the insects in the series. It also offers a safe place to store all of the coins, which are protected from scratches and other damage in capsules (not included).





'Serving Society' series

FIRE FIGHTERS

DATE OF ISSUE	11.05.2023
MINT	Berlin (A), Munich (D), Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G), Hamburg (J)
ARTISTS	Lorenz Crössmann, Berlin (obverse) / Patrick Niesel, Röthenbach a. d. Pegnitz (reverse)
EDGE LETTERING	IM DIENST DER GESELLSCHAFT • (SERVING SOCIETY)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 250,000 pieces ²



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In action

The focus of the 'Serving Society' series is on groups of people who are indispensable for those who need their assistance, as well as for the functioning of society as a whole. With the 'Fire Fighters' motif, the focus is on a group whose wide-ranging responsibilities are much more than fighting fires. The composition of the image on the coin emphasises the teamwork that is so important in their work as well as the dynamic nature of their tasks. The polymer ring is set in the typical colour of the fire service.



20 euro collector coin (sterling silver)

'Grimms' Fairytales' series

HANS IN LUCK

ISSUE DATE	19.01.2023
MINT	Stuttgart (F)
ARTIST	Michael Otto, Rodenbach
EDGE LETTERING	ICH MUSS IN EINER GLÜCKSHAUT GEBOREN SEIN • (I MUST HAVE BEEN BORN UNDER A LUCKY STAR)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 120,000 pieces ²



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From one who was born under a lucky star

The coin motif features a balanced composition of the key elements of the fairytale. In the foreground, Hans is featured in the relief, while the objects he exchanges can be seen in the background in the form of linear drawings. Hans never loses his sense of equanimity and contentment as his material possessions change, and this aspect of his character is aptly and expressively portrayed here.



125th Birthday of

BERTOLT BRECHT

ISSUE DATE	09.02.2023	 <p>Find out more here!</p>
MINT	Hamburg (J)	
ARTIST	Katrin Pannicke, Halle (Saale), Obverse motif based on a photo by Gerda Goedhart / Suhrkamp Verlag	
EDGE LETTERING	DAS SCHICKSAL DES MENSCHEN IST DER MENSCH • (THE FATE OF MANKIND IS MANKIND)	
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike	
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 120,000 pieces ²	

Change the world, it needs it!

Bertolt Brecht is one of the most influential German-language authors and playwrights of the 20th century. His work includes plays, poems, novels, short stories, film scripts and diaries. The coin motif shows the dramatist in the form of a portrait that seems cheerful in its essence, yet thoughtful and relaxed, in the style of a drawing from a graphic novel. The apparent twist of the portrait and the quote 'Ändere die Welt, sie braucht es!' (Change the world, it needs it!) produces a subtle kind of irritation.



Wilhelm Schickard

400 YEARS OF THE CALCULATOR

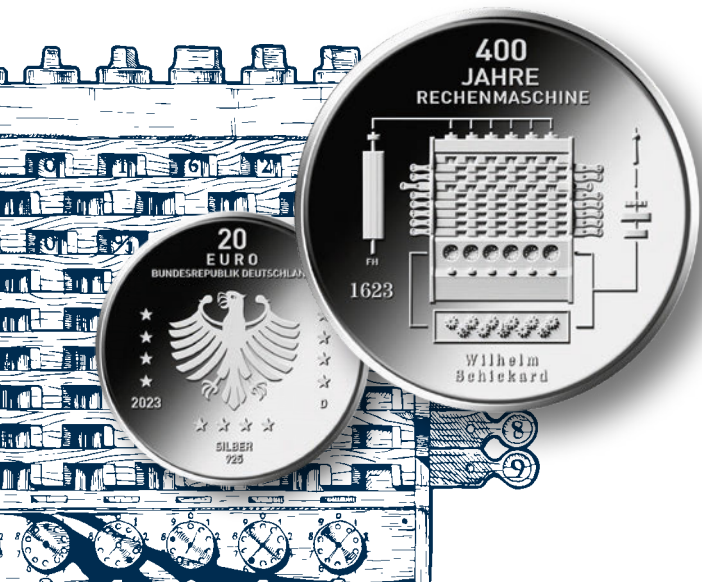
DATE OF ISSUE	03.08.2023
MINT	Munich (D)
ARTIST	Florian Huhoff, Berlin
EDGE LETTERING	MACHINAM EXTRUXI QUAE DATOS NUMEROS COMPUTET ×
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 120,000 pieces ²



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A pioneering technical achievement

In 1623, the astronomer and mathematician Wilhelm Schickard from Tübingen invented the first mechanical calculator, which was capable of all four basic arithmetic operations. The coin pays tribute to an invention that was ahead of its time. The schematised historical calculating machine is at the centre here, with functional relationships such as the cogwheel mechanism presented at either side in the style of a diagram. The elegant typography also adds to the appeal of the coin's design.





100th Birthday of

VICCO VON BÜLOW (LORIOT)

DATE OF ISSUE	28.09.2023
MINT	Berlin (A)
DESIGN/ ARTIST	Studio Lorient / Federal Mint Berlin (obverse, Knight of the Rose: © Studio Lorient) / Ulrich Böhme, Stuttgart (reverse)
EDGE LETTERING	ACH WAS (I SAY)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 120,000 pieces ²



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I say

His sketches, films and parodies are some of the greatest moments of German television and cinema history, and his quotes have become common knowledge, such as 'Früher war mehr Lametta' (There used to be more tinsel), 'Sagen Sie jetzt nichts' (Don't say anything now) and 'Die Ente bleibt draußen' (The duck stays outside). The coin motif of the Knight of the Rose, which Lorient often placed beside his autograph, honours this humorist and great observer of humanity. Another special tribute to him is the solitary edge lettering which does not go all around the coin, with what may well be his most famous quote: ACH WAS (I SAY).



20 EURO COLLECTOR COIN SET

DATE OF ISSUE	28.09.2023
MOTIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Hans in Luck· 125th Birthday of Bertolt Brecht· 400 Years of the Calculator by Wilhelm Schickard· 100th Birthday of Vicco von Bülow (Loriot)
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 35,000 pieces ²



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20 euro collector coin set 2023 prooflike

The coin set comprises the four 20 euro collector coins from the Federal Republic of Germany from 2023 in a numismatic presentation folder with removable coin capsules.



'Christmas' series

ERZGEBIRGE CANDLE ARCH

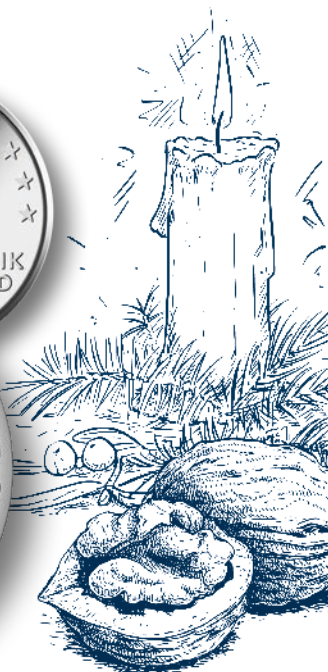
DATE OF ISSUE	23.11.2023
MINT	Karlsruhe (G)
ARTIST	Reinhard Eiber, Feucht
COIN EDGE	smooth
MINT QUALITY	Prooflike
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 75,000 pieces ²



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Atmospheric and traditional

The coin motif, consisting of an impressive and very balanced overall image, is based on wooden candle arches from the 20th century. Motifs from the home, with preparations for Christmas Eve, are shown. The emblem of the two miners with Saxon swords along with hammer and mallet recalls the use of the candle arch in mining.



'Return of the Wild Animals' series

IBEX

DATE OF ISSUE	19.06.2023
MINT	Berlin (A), Munich (D), Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G), Hamburg (J)
ARTIST	Marianne Dietz, Berlin
COIN EDGE	serrated
MINT QUALITY	Brilliant uncirculated
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 120,000 pieces ²
ORDER PERIOD	04.04–16.05.2023



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Majestic and native once more

After the Alpine ibex was almost wiped out at the beginning of the 19th century, its population has since recovered. The coin motif shows a proud specimen, standing confidently on a rocky outcrop in an abstractly depicted rocky landscape. The design expertly conveys the sense of height and the vastness of the habitat of this formidable animal, underlined by the lettering STEINBOCK (ibex), which looks as though it were carved in stone.



50 euro gold coin (fine gold)



'German Craftsmanship' series

FOOD

DATE OF ISSUE	07.08.2023
MINT	Berlin (A), Munich (D), Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G), Hamburg (J)
ARTIST	Elena Gerber, Berlin
COIN EDGE	serrated
MINT QUALITY	Brilliant uncirculated
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 100,000 pieces ²
ORDER PERIOD	04.04–16.05.2023



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The diversity of crafts and food

Food is one of the most basic human needs. Craftspeople such as bakers, butchers and millers were historically some of the first groups to establish professions and form the first guilds during the High Middle Ages. The coin shows a collage of some of the typical hand tools from the food trades, presented closely together. All of the objects are highly delicate and exquisitely modelled, reflecting the diversity of artisan food trades.



100 euro gold coin (fine gold)

'Masterpieces of German Literature' series

FAUST (GOETHE)

DATE OF ISSUE	02.10.2023
MINT	Berlin (A), Munich (D), Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G), Hamburg (J)
ARTIST	Michael Otto, Rodenbach
COIN EDGE	serrated
MINT QUALITY	Brilliant uncirculated
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 160,000 pieces ²
ORDER PERIOD	04.04–16.05.2023



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What holds the world together at its core

The coin motif focuses on the heads of the two protagonists at the centre of the drama: Faust and Mephisto. The Janus-faced layout vividly highlights their close constitutive connection. The central motif of the quill unites the theme of literary writing with the devil's pact, which is at the heart of the drama, while Gretchen peers into the picture from the right. Exquisitely created, the motif is impressive both close up and from afar and fills the entire round space of the coin expertly.



'German Federal States II' series

HAMBURG

DATE OF ISSUE	24.01.2023	 <p>Find out more here!</p>
MINT	Berlin (A), Munich (D), Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G), Hamburg (J)	
ARTIST	Michael Otto, Rodenbach	
EDGE LETTERING	EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT (UNITY AND JUSTICE AND FREEDOM)	
MINT QUALITY	Brilliant uncirculated/prooflike	
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 30,000 2 euro sets ² / max. 35,000 2 euro sets ²	

A defining landmark

The opening motif of the 'German Federal States II' series shows the striking and iconic Elbphilharmonie building, one of the best-known sights of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. The complementary silhouette of buildings and port cranes succinctly illustrates the maritime nature of this city on the Elbe.



1275th Birthday of

CHARLEMAGNE

DATE OF ISSUE	30.03.2023	
MINT	Berlin (A), Munich (D), Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G), Hamburg (J)	
ARTIST	Tobias Winnen, Berlin	Find out more here!
COIN EDGE	EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT (UNITY AND JUSTICE AND FREEDOM)	
MINT QUALITY	Brilliant uncirculated/prooflike	
ISSUE LIMIT	max. 25,000 2 euro sets ² / max. 30,000 2 euro sets ²	

One of the founding fathers of Europe

Although the European Union today may be larger than his empire at the time, Charlemagne is still central to the idea of a united Europe. Since 1950, the City of Aachen has awarded the Charlemagne Prize to people who have contributed outstanding services towards the unification of Europe. The coin motif features and impressive depth in its content. Two image elements from the time – the emperor's personal monogram and the octagon of Aachen Cathedral – are formed into a central work of art with its own embossing.





Circulation Coin Series

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MINT

March 2023
Berlin (A), Munich (D),
Stuttgart (F), Karlsruhe (G),
Hamburg (J)



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MINT QUALITY
ISSUE LIMIT

Brilliant uncirculated/prooflike
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Per mint:

A D F

G J

2 euro special set '1275th Birthday of Charlemagne' 2023

Brilliant uncirculated: €20.95 each¹ Prooflike: €34.95 each¹

2 euro collector coin set 'Hamburg' 2023

Brilliant uncirculated: €20.95 each¹ Prooflike: €34.95 each¹

Coloured 5 euro coins 'The Wonderful World of Insects'

Prooflike: €15.95 each¹

Insect Realm Swallowtail Butterfly

Seven-Spotted Ladybird Banded Demoiselle

Red Mason Bee

Subscription: all issues of the 5 euro series from 2023 onwards

10 euro polymer ring coin 'Fire Fighters' 2023

Prooflike: €26.95 each¹

Subscription: all issues of the 10 euro series from 2023 onwards at the official issue price for each one

20 euro collector coins (sterling silver) 2023

Prooflike, individual coins €38.95 each¹/annual set €147.95 each¹

Grimms' Fairytales: Hans in Luck

125th Birthday of Bertolt Brecht

400 Years of the Calculator by Wilhelm Schickard

100th Birthday of Vicco von Bülow (Loriot)

Subscription: all issues of the 20 euro collector coins from 2023 at the official issue price for each one

2023 annual set

Annual set as a subscription: all issues of the 20 euro collector coin sets from 2023 onwards

¹Final price including VAT and excluding shipping.

²The quantities ordered from the German mints will be published after the end of the minting year.

Numismatic data at a glance

Coin	Mint quality	Mass	Ø	Material	Coin edge
2 euro commemorative coin	Brilliant uncirculated, prooflike	8.50 g	25.75 mm	Bimetal	Edge lettering
5 euro colour-printed coin	Brilliant uncirculated, prooflike	9.68 g	27.25 mm	CuNi 25	Edge lettering
10 euro polymer ring coin	Brilliant uncirculated, prooflike	9.80 g	28.75 mm	CuNi 25 CuNi 19 Polymer	Edge lettering
20 euro collector coin	Brilliant uncirculated, prooflike	18.00 g	32.50 mm	Sterling silver (Ag 925)	Edge lettering
25 euro collector coin	Brilliant uncirculated, prooflike	22.00 g	30.00 mm	Fine silver (Ag 999)	Smooth
20 euro gold coin	Brilliant uncirculated	3.89 g	17.50 mm	Fine gold (Au 999.9)	Serrated
50 euro gold coin	Brilliant uncirculated	7.78 g	22.00 mm	Fine gold (Au 999.9)	Serrated
100 euro gold coin	Brilliant uncirculated	15.55 g	28.00 mm	Fine gold (Au 999.9)	Serrated

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