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"The Snow Queen" – a fairy tale in gold and silver

A little less than 162 years after Hans Christian Andersen published his famous fairy tale "The Snow Queen", the same fairy tale is now the motif on a new coin issued by Danmarks Nationalbank. The fairy tale coin will be issued on 30 August 2006. Sculptor Øivind Nygård has created the motif to the new fairy tale coin.

"The Snow Queen is a fairy tale full of metamorphoses. Images are recreated and transformed into other images. This principle has also been applied to the coin, which progresses from snow crystals – to the figure of a woman – to shards of glass", says Øivind Nygård, who also created the motif to the tower coin with Landet Church.

"The Snow Queen" is the fourth in a series of five coins with fairy tales as their common theme. The obverse of the coin is similar to the ordinary 10-krone coin and shows a profile of the queen.

Gold and silver coins in limited editions

The fairy tale coin is a 10-krone issued in three versions – a gold coin, a silver coin, and an ordinary 10-krone coin. The gold and silver coins are minted in editions not exceeding 4,000 and 40,000, respectively. The ordinary 10-krone coin is issued in an edition of 1.2 million. All fairy tale coins are legal tender and can be exchanged at Danmarks Nationalbank at face value.

Where to buy the fairy tale coin

The Royal Mint has become its own website www.royalmint.dk. As from 20 July 2006 you can order the coins on this website. On the website you can find information about the other fairy tale coins, the tower coins, medals, production of coins and more.

"The Snow Queen" can also be purchased from banks, coin dealers and Danmarks Nationalbank. Some banks and coin dealers already take orders now.

The recommended retail prices including Danish VAT are DKK 2,000 for the gold coin and DKK 200 for the silver coin.

The fairy tale continues

The fifth and final fairy tale coin will be issued in the spring of 2007.

Pictures of the coin can be downloaded from www.nationalbanken.dk or from The Royal Mint's new website www.royalmint.dk. For further information, please contact the Information Desk on tel.: (+45) 33 63 70 00 or The Royal Mint on (+45) 43 45 40 11.