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€200 GOLD COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “100 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF MARIA CALLAS”

Maria Callas (born Maria Kalogeropoulos), the legendary soprano of the 20th century, was born in New York to Greek immigrant parents on 2 December 1923. Encouraged by her mother, she began studying opera singing at an early age, and in 1937 moved back with her family to Greece. There, she completed her musical education and, despite her very young years, was soon performing lead roles at the Greek National Opera from 1940 to 1944. Her return to the United States in 1945 marked the launch of her international career. In the 1950s, she triumphed at Milan's La Scala and other prestigious opera houses around the world, with her electrifying interpretations of the most challenging soprano roles, mainly in works by Verdi, Donizetti, Bellini and Puccini. Her art combined dramatic insight and skillful mastery of her rich timbre. After a rapid vocal decline in the 1960s prematurely ended her stage career, she turned to recitals and master classes. Maria Callas died in Paris on 16 September 1977.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €200

Diameter: 22.10 mm

Weight: 7.98 g

Edge: milled

Material: gold (Au) 917‰, silver (Ag) 53‰

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 750 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos - M. Antonatou

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€200

€100 GOLD COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “GREEK MYTHOLOGY — THE OLYMPIAN GODS — ARTEMIS”

Artemis, daughter of Zeus and Leto, was born on the island of Delos together with her twin brother Apollo. She was the goddess of hunting and wildlife, but also of childbirth, hence her role as protectress of children. Typically depicted with a bow and quiver of arrows and accompanied by a deer, Artemis was a virgin deity, like Athena and Hestia. She would punish harshly anyone who dared to cross her. From Agamemnon, who had killed her sacred deer, she demanded the sacrifice of his own daughter Iphigenia in retribution. Due to the nature of her cult, she was mainly worshipped in country areas. Major sanctuaries to Artemis were located in Sparta (*Artemis Orthia*), in Caryes, Laconia, where the local women (*Caryatids*) honoured the goddess with dances, as well as in Brauron, Attica. The famous temple dedicated to her in Ephesos was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €100

Diameter: 17.50 mm

Weight: 3.89 g

Edge: plain

Material: gold (Au) 99.99%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,200 pieces

Minting quality: proof

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€100

€50 GOLD COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “CULTURAL HERITAGE — DELOS”

Delos is a small island of the Cyclades, so named because of the circle (*cyclos*) they form around it. Sacred in antiquity for being the legendary birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos was so revered that it was spared even by the invading Persians. In the 5th century BC, the island became the seat of the First Athenian League and of its common treasury, until Pericles moved it to Athens. The Athenians reorganised the Delia festival in honour of Apollo and made Delos a leading panhellenic sanctuary. Declared a free port by the Romans, Delos would become a major trading hub until its sack by Mithridates, king of Pontus, from which it never recovered. Systematic excavations by the École française d'Athènes began in 1873. Delos is an archaeological site in its entirety, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1990. With its famous Terrace of the Lions and the ruins of the ancient city scattered across the serene landscape, unspoilt by modern civilisation to this day, Delos exudes an air of sacredness and offers visitors a unique experience, totally different from the bustle of neighbouring Mykonos.

€50



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €50

Diameter: 14 mm

Weight: 1 g

Edge: plain

Material: gold (Au) 99.99%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

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€10 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO:
“GREEK CULTURE — ANCIENT GREEK
TECHNOLOGY — THE AUTOMATIC MAIDSERVANT
OF PHILO”

This invention is described in the *Pneumatics* of Philo of Byzantium, a 3rd century BC engineer who lived in Alexandria. It is an *automaton* (robot) in the form of a (life-size) maidservant holding a wine jug in her right hand. Inside the effigy were two tanks, one for wine and one for water (as the Greeks used to drink their wine diluted), and a mechanism consisting of liquid and air tubes. By placing a cup on the extended left hand of the maidservant, the mechanism started to work. Air pressure pushed the liquids (first wine and then water) through the right arm into the jug and then into the cup, in the desired proportion. The automatic maidservant is the first known functional robot.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €10

Diameter: 40 mm

Weight: 34.10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

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€10 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO:
“GREEK CULTURE — MATHEMATICIANS — EUCLID”

Euclid is considered the father of geometry. He lived in Alexandria during the reign of Ptolemy I and must have flourished about 300 BC. His central work was the *Elements*, where he presented the fundamental concepts and principles of geometry and, based on five indemonstrable postulates or axioms (e.g. two points determine one and only one straight line), managed to summarise the geometric wisdom of the time in a comprehensible and coherent system, named Euclidean geometry in his honour. His influence was so immense that it was not until the 19th century that a non-Euclidean geometry was developed. He also wrote *Optics*, *Catoptrics*, *Conics*, etc. They say that when Ptolemy once asked him if there was in geometry any shorter way than that of the *Elements*, he replied that there was no royal road to geometry.

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€10 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “PHILHELLENES — KARL NORMANN”

Karl Friedrich Lebrecht von Normann-Ehrenfels was born into a noble family of Stuttgart, Württemberg in 1784. He pursued a military career and fought on Bonaparte's side in the Napoleonic Wars, as Württemberg was allied to France, and took part in the Russian campaign. He retired after the Battle of Leipzig (1813). Deeply moved by the Greeks' struggle for freedom, he decided to fight for the Greek cause. In February 1822, accompanied by 50 other philhellenes, Normann arrived at Navarino, which he defended successfully. He then joined Alexandros Mavrokordatos's campaign in Epirus, commanding a battalion composed of French, Italian, German and Polish philhellenes. After an initial victory at Kompoti, near Arta, the revolutionaries suffered a crushing defeat at the Battle of Peta on 16 July 1822, with heavy casualties among the philhellenes. Gravely wounded, Normann died in Missolonghi on 15 November 1822.

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€6 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “2023 — ELEUSIS EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE”

The European Capital of Culture, an institution established in 1985 on a proposal from Melina Mercouri, aims at celebrating the cultural heritage of Europe and bringing European citizens closer together. Awarded city for 2023 is Eleusis (modern-day Elefsina), one of the most sacred sites of antiquity, inextricably linked with the goddess Demeter and her daughter, Persephone, as well as the Eleusinian Mysteries that were held in their honour. Today Eleusis, a bustling and dynamic city just 20 km from Athens, is trying to reverse the brutal alteration of its landscape by industrial development, improve the life quality of its 30 thousand citizens and take advantage of its huge cultural potential. The events and actions organised by “2023 ELEUSIS EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE” have at their heart man, society, work, culture and the environment, in an effort to shed light on the unseen side of Eleusis and connect its past with the present and a promising future.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €6

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Weight: 10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

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Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED



€6 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “50 YEARS FROM THE ATHENS POLYTECHNIC UPRISING”

The military coup of 21 April 1967 overthrew democracy and imposed a brutal dictatorship. University students' organised reaction, triggered by the forcible conscription of unionised students, effectively started in February 1973 with the occupation of the Athens Law School, which was violently suppressed. On 14 November, students occupied the Athens Polytechnic, chanting “Down with the junta”, “Democracy” and “Bread, Education, Freedom” and using their improvised radio station to call the people of Athens to a general strike and revolt. Over the next days, crowds gathered outside the Polytechnic in support. Against the insurgents the junta sent the police and, later, military force. In the early hours of 17 November, a tank crashed through the central gate of the Polytechnic. A ruthless crackdown across Athens followed, ending with thousands of civilians arrested, hundreds wounded and some 30 dead. The Athens Polytechnic uprising marked the culmination of anti-junta resistance, led to the removal of dictator Papadopoulos and precipitated the fall of the military regime in July 1974.

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€6 SILVER COLLECTOR COIN DEDICATED TO: “20 YEARS FROM THE DEATH OF ANTONIS SAMARAKIS”

Antonis Samarakis was one of the most prominent representatives of Greek post-war literature. Born in Athens in 1919, he studied law at the University of Athens. During the Axis Occupation, he took part in the National Resistance, was arrested by the Nazis and sentenced to death, but managed to escape. His first major literary success came in 1954 with his short story collection *Hope wanted*. His works, and most notably his novel *The flaw* (1965), have been translated into over 30 languages, winning several awards in Greece and abroad. Peace, freedom, social justice, democracy and human rights, as well as his love of children and youth, are central to his prose and to his rich social and humanitarian work in Greece and abroad. In 1968-1969 he led an expert mission of the International Labour Organisation to African countries and in 1989 became a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. In Greece, he inspired and organised a “Youth Parliament”, which he chaired every year.

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Weight: 10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED



BLISTER PACK WITH A COLLECTOR SILVER €5 COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“200 YEARS FROM THE BATTLE OF KARPENISI”

After failing to quash the Greek uprising in 1822, Sultan Mahmud II launched a new campaign in 1823. It was led by the Pasha of Shkodër, Mustafa, who recruited Albanian mercenaries. Intent on recapturing Missolonghi, they set up camp at Kefalovryso, near the town of Karpenisi. A troop of Souliotes, under the command of Markos Botsaris and Kitsos Tzavelas, set off from Missolonghi to stem their advance. Seeing his men seriously outnumbered, Botsaris decided on a surprise night attack against the enemy. In the battle that followed, the Souliotes inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, but Markos Botsaris was fatally wounded. He was buried with great honours in Missolonghi. In the Battle of Karpenisi, the Greeks managed to fend off another Ottoman attempt to crush the Revolution, but lost a great military leader.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

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- Weight: 17 g
- Edge: plain
- Material: silver (Ag) 33.3%
- Packaging: blister pack
- Maximum issue: 5,000 pieces
- Minting quality: proof-like
- Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos
- Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department
- Price: TO BE ANNOUNCED
- Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED



BLISTER PACK WITH A COLLECTOR SILVER €5 COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“ENVIRONMENT — ENDEMIC FLORA OF GREECE —
FRITILLARIA DAVISII”

F*ritillaria* is a genus of perennial bulbous plant. It includes some 140 species, which are distributed across the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere, with the eastern Mediterranean being a centre of diversity for the genus. In Greece occur 22 native species, nine of which are endemic. Fritillaries bear striking bell-shaped flowers and many species are cultivated as ornamentals. The name of the genus comes from the Latin *fritillus*, which means a dice box, and refers to the checkered patterns on the flowers of some species of fritillary.

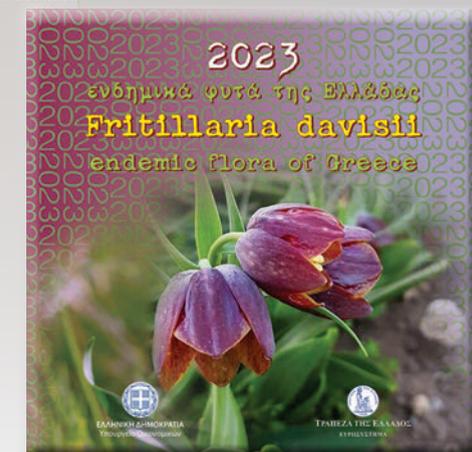
FRITILLARIA DAVISII

F*ritillaria davisii* (Fritillaria of Davis) was discovered by the renowned British botanist Peter H. Davis in 1940 near the village of Pyrgos Dirou, Mani. It has also been found in other areas of the Mani region in the Southern Peloponnese. The locals call it “anguraki” (little cucumber). It has been included in the IUCN Red List as a Near Threatened species due to the limited area of its distribution and the small number of its populations.



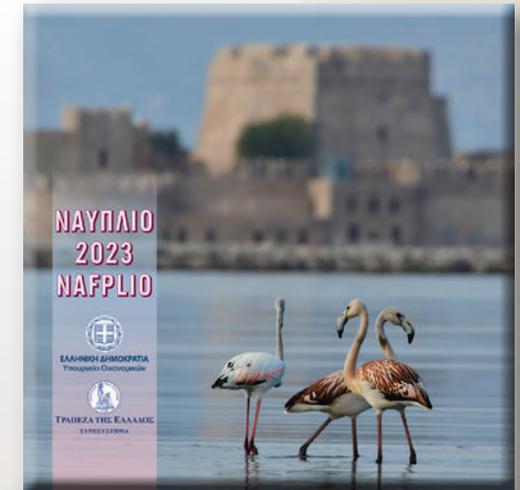
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BLISTER SET CONTAINING ALL EIGHT DENOMINATIONS OF 2023 GREEK EURO COINS DEDICATED TO: “TOURISM — NAFPLIO”

Nafplio is one of the most beautiful cities of Greece, lying at the head of the Argolic Gulf, on the site of ancient Nafplia, whose legendary founder was Nafplios, son of Poseidon. The city started to flourish in Byzantine times and, due to its strategic location, was the capital of the Peloponnese both under the Venetians (1389-1540 and 1686-1715) and the Ottomans (1540-1686 and 1715-1770). Nafplio played an important role during the Greek Revolution and on 18 January 1823 became the seat of the revolutionary government, and later the first capital of the newly founded Greek state until 1834. Venetian fortresses like Palamidi, Akronafplia and Bourtzi, Ottoman and neoclassical buildings and churches, picturesque stone-paved alleys and plazas, as well as the wonderful quay, paint a ravishing picture that attracts thousands of visitors round the year.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Packaging: blister set

Maximum issue: 7,500 pieces

Minting quality: brilliant uncirculated

Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department

Price: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED



€2 COMMEMORATIVE PROOF CIRCULATION COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“100 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF MARIA CALLAS”

Maria Callas, the absolute prima donna of the 20th century, revolutionised opera singing with her electrifying interpretations of the most challenging soprano roles.

€2



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €2

Diameter: 25.75 mm

Weight: 8.50 g

Thickness: 2.20 mm

Edge: fine milled/edge lettering

Ring material: copper nickel

Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 3,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED



CARD BLISTER WITH A €2 COMMEMORATIVE BRILLIANT
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Diameter: 25.75 mm

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Packaging: card blister

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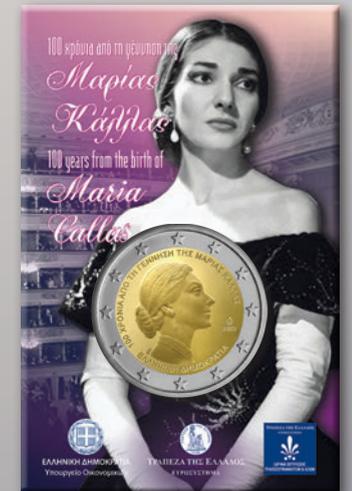
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Thickness: 2.20 mm

Edge: fine milled/edge lettering

Ring material: copper nickel

Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: rolls

Maximum issue: 741,000 pieces

Minting quality: circulation

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €50

Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED

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€2 COMMEMORATIVE PROOF CIRCULATION COIN
DEDICATED TO:
“150 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF CONSTANTIN
CARATHÉODORY”

Constantin Carathéodory (1873-1950) was one of the most important mathematicians of the 20th century. He published most of his works in German and was highly esteemed by great scientists, such as Einstein and Max Planck.

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Denomination: €2

Diameter: 25.75 mm

Weight: 8.50 g

Thickness: 2.20 mm

Edge: fine milled/edge lettering

Ring material: copper nickel

Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

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Diameter: 25.75 mm

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Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: card blister

Maximum issue: 3,000 pieces

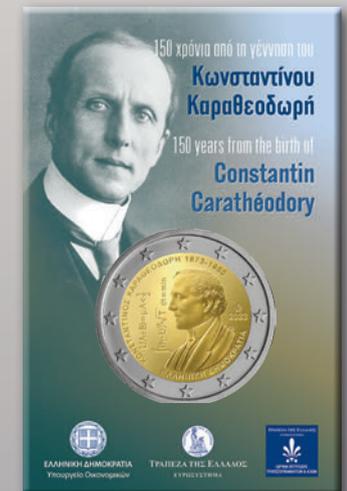
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Ring material: copper nickel

Inner material: nickel brass

Packaging: rolls

Maximum issue: 745,500 pieces

Minting quality: circulation

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €50

Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED

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