Issuance of a new collector coin of the Republic of Armenia

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On September 16, 2025, the Central Bank of Armenia puts into circulation “100th birth anniversary of Henrik Malyan” silver collector coin.

Collector coin dedicated to the 100th birth anniversary of Henrik Malyan

HENRIK MALYAN (1925–1988) was a prominent Armenian film director, screenwriter, laureate of the State Prize of the Armenian SSR (1975), and People’s Artist of the Armenian SSR (1977) and the USSR (1982).

He was born in Telavi, Georgia. From 1945 to 1951, he studied at the directing faculty of the Yerevan Institute of Art and Theater, then improved his directing skills at the Moscow Institute of Theater Arts.

From 1951 to 1954, he worked as a stage director in various theaters in Armenia and staged numerous performances. In 1954, he began working at the Hayfilm film studio. *Guys from the Army Band* (1960), *Road to the Stage* (1963), and *Mr. Jacques and Others* (1964) were his first films.

The Triangle (1967), *We and Our Mountains* (1969), *Father* (1972), *Nahapet* (1977), and *A Piece of Sky* (1980) are among Malyan’s best and award-winning films. The films directed by Malyan were screened at international film festivals in Cannes, Delhi, London, Hong Kong, Sanremo, Tokyo, and Manila, and as part of screenings of Soviet and Armenian films in Holland, Italy, England, the USA, Australia, France, Argentina, and other countries.

In 1980, he created and headed the Yerevan Film Actors Theater-Studio (which bears his name as of 1988). It was here that he staged the *Fairy Tales* play based on Hovhannes Tumanyan’s tales, which is an audience favorite to this day. The film-play *A Drop of Honey* was shot in 1982 on the basis of *Fairy Tales*.

Malyan’s work has greatly contributed to the evolvement and international recognition of

Armenian national cinema. His films present a unique combination of national and universal themes.

Obverse: Malyan’s self-portrait, stills from his films *The Triangle* and *A Piece of Sky*, a film strip.
Reverse: Malyan’s portrait, stylized image of mountains and a clapperboard.

Designers: Lusine Lalayan (obverse), Vardan Vardanyan (reverse).
The collector coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.

Technical specification

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925^{0}
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	300 pcs
Year of issue	2025