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The History Museum of Armenia (HMA) was founded in accordance with law №439 adopted on September 9, 1919 by the Parliament of the first Republic of Armenia. The HMA started on the basis of collections of the Armenian Ethnographical Association of the Caucasus, Nor Nakhijevan Museum of Armenian Antiquities, Museum of Antiquities of Ani, Vagharshapat Repository of Ancient Manuscripts. The first director of the museum was famous ethnologist Yervand Lalayan.

The mission of the HMA is to preserve, replenish, study and publicize museum objects and collections, which represent the history and culture of Armenia and the Armenian people.

The HMA preserves the national collection of around 400 000 objects, which are displayed in the departments of Archeology, Ethnography, Numismatics and Documents and represent an integral picture of the history and culture of Armenia from prehistoric times to our days.

Since 1948, the HMA has been publishing reports on archeological excavations and scientific works on Armenian architecture, archeology, ethnography and history.

Obverse: objects from HMA collection – “Sculptural group with a chariot” (15th-14th centuries BC, Lori Berd, bronze, № 2728-12), “Figurine of a chamois” (13th-12th centuries BC, Artik, bronze, № 2173-553), “Four-wheeled chariot” (15th-14th centuries BC, Lchashen, wood, №2009-609), “Leather shoe” (Areni-1 Cave Complex, Trench 3, Copper Age, 36th century BC, №3194), “Ornamental plate with the image of a lion” (7th century BC, Karmir Blour, bronze, № 2783-193).

Reverse: the HMA building (architects – Mark Grigoryan, Eduard Sarapyan) and logotype, an Armenian ornament.

Face Value (dram)	1000
Metal, fineness	silver, 925
Weight (g)	33.60
Diameter (mm)	40.00
Quantity of issue (pcs)	500
Edge	ribbed
Quality	proof

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.
Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Notice

Collector coins are made of precious metals and are issued to present to the society the national, international, historical and cultural, spiritual and other values of the country, to immortalize these values in the metal and to meet the demands of the numismatic market.

Like any other currency the collector coins have face value which makes them the means of payment. However, the face value of these coins is much lower than their cost price which includes the cost of the precious metal used for manufacturing of the coin, mintage and other expenses. Low face value and high cost price allow these coins to be considered as the items of collection and not the means of payment used in money circulation. The collector coins have also the sale price set by the Central Bank of Armenia.

As the items of collection the collector coins are issued in very restricted quantities and are not reissued.

Numismatists, collectors and all interested persons can buy the Armenian collector coins

in the sales salon “Numismatist” which is in the building of the Central Bank of Armenia and is open for everyone.