

Commemorative coins for the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize

On 13 August Norges Bank issued two commemorative coins, one gold and one silver, to mark the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize. The Peace Prize was awarded for the first time to Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, in 1901.

The gold coin (917/1000 Au) will be minted in an issue limited to 7 500 coins, and the silver coin (925/1000 Ag) will be minted in an issue limited to 50 000 coins.

The obverse side of the coin bears a portrait of HM King Harald V from the right, and the legend HARALD V NORGES KONGE. Under the portrait is the nominal value of the coin, 1500 KR. To the left are the pick and hammer forming the mintmark of Den Kongelige Mynt AS (the Royal Norwegian Mint) and the engraver's initials, ØH. On the right are the initials, JEJ, of the Director of the Mint (Jan Erik Johansen).

On the reverse is the symbol of unity, three men with their arms entwined, taken from Gustav Vigeland's gold medal, which is presented to all winners of the Peace Prize. The legend is NOBELS FREDSPRIS 1901-2001. There is a microscript inscription, G. Vigeland sc., to the right of the motif.

The obverse of the silver coin features the Norwegian lion and the legend NORGE 100 KR 2001. Underneath to the left are the initials, JEJ, of the Director of the Mint, and to the right the engraver's initials, ØH and the pick and hammer of the Royal Norwegian Mint.

On the reverse of the silver coin is a portrait of Alfred Nobel, from the medal by Gustav Vigeland that is presented to winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. The legend is NOBELS FREDSPRIS 1901-2001. Under the portrait is a cross, and in microscript G. Vigeland sc.

The coins were modelled by Øyvind Hansen, former chief coin engraver at the Mint.

Coin data:	Gold coin	Silver coin
Nominal value	NOK 1500	NOK 100
Diameter	27 mm	39 mm
Weight	16.96 g	33.8 g
Alloy	917/1000 Au	925/1000 Ag
Edge	plain	plain

1500-krone gold coin



Obverse

Reverse

100-krone silver coin



Obverse

Reverse