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Final fairy tale coin inspired by The Nightingale

The fifth and final coin in the fairy tale series will be issued on 25 October 2007, inspired by The Nightingale. In that connection, a coin set with all five fairy tale coins will be issued.

The Nightingale coin is presented today at Hans Christian Andersen's House in Odense, which will also receive models of the five fairy tale coins.

The motif is designed by the sculptor, Professor Torben Ebbesen. Since The Nightingale is set in China, the coin shows the two Chinese characters for nightingale.

"The motif shows the nightingale perched on a blossoming cherry branch. It is both inside and outside a golden cage. The cherry branch is naturalistic, and the nightingale is one-dimensional like a Chinese paper cutting, but it comes alive when it flies in and out of another golden cage - your pocket," Torben Ebbesen explains.

The 10-krone Nightingale coin is issued in three versions: a gold coin in an edition of maximum 3,000, a silver coin in an edition of maximum 30,000 and an ordinary 10-krone coin. The prices are DKK 2,000 for the gold coin and DKK 200 for the silver coin. The ordinary 10-krone coin is minted in an edition of 1.2 million for ordinary circulation. The face of the coin shows a profile of the Queen by the sculptor, Professor Mogens Møller.

The coins in the fairy tale coin set are made in a proof edition minted with two strokes instead of one. The coin set is issued in an edition of maximum 30,000 at a price of DKK 250 per set. The coin set, and the new fairy tale coin, can be purchased from banks, Danmarks Nationalbank (Banking Services) and the website of The Royal Mint, www.kglmoent.dk, from 25 October 2007. Pictures of the coin can be downloaded from the website of The Royal Mint, which also contains a statement by Torben Ebbesen.

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