

The artist behind the motif for the Goose Tower coin

Tina Maria Nielsen is the artist behind the fourth coin in the series of thematic coins with towers as the common theme. The coin, which has the Goose Tower in Vordingborg as its motif, will be put into circulation on 31 March 2004.

This is the first time the sculptor Tina Maria Nielsen works with a coin as a means of artistic expression.

In her work with the Goose Tower, Tina Maria Nielsen has made a point of showing the motif from a different angle than the motifs on the previous thematic coins. The motif is therefore different – not only because it is a different tower – but also because the thematic coin shows the whole tower. Much attention has been paid to the interpretation of the motif since a tower is not just a tower:

"On the other coins it has been possible to depict a characteristic section of the tower, but that was not possible in relation to the Goose Tower. I have worked with the sensuousness and rustic elements of the Tower, e.g. by emphasising the stairway by the Tower. I have also made the goose and brickwork larger than in real life to make the motif more dynamic. Finally, the Tower has been placed slightly to the left of the centre of the coin so that the motif does not become too static," Tina Maria Nielsen explains. She has found it interesting to work with a coin as a means of artistic expression.

The sculptor Tina Maria Nielsen was educated at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts (1991-99) and studied at the School of Visual Arts, New York in 1995.

She has exhibited sculptures at Kunstforeningen Gammel Strand "Exit 97", Charlottensborg's Autumn Exhibition, Charlottensborg's Spring Exhibition, etc. In 1996-2003, Tina Maria Nielsen, in cooperation with another sculptor, arranged four exhibitions under the common heading "Layer". The most recent one – Layer 4: Exterior – was held last year at Søndermarken, a park in Copenhagen, where Tina Maria Nielsen exhibited a sculpture called "A Room of One's Own" among the trees. From 3-25 April she will be participating with three new sculptures at the exhibition of the artists' association Den Gyldne at Charlottenborg.