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Thematic coin with Svaneke water tower

Svaneke water tower is the motif of the fifth coin in the thematic 'tower' series issued by Danmarks Nationalbank. Designed by the architect Jørn Utzon, the characteristic tripod water tower from 1952 has become a symbol of the town of Svaneke. The water tower is no longer used for its original purpose. It was decommissioned in 1988, when Svaneke's water supply was restructured. The building has been listed since 1990.

The sculptor, Professor Morten Stræde is the artist behind the relief of Svaneke water tower. He comments on his work with the coin as follows: "It is a great challenge to work with a building of such geometrical simplicity and still convey a sense of presence. I have therefore chosen to show the tower from a 'human' point of view, as an approaching visitor would perceive it. This has given me a broader scope to work sculpturally with the space and proportions of the tower. Above all, it has enabled sculpturally meaningful positioning of the stringent building on the round surface of the coin."

Svaneke water tower was selected from among the many suggestions received by Danmarks Nationalbank. The Svaneke tower coin will be issued as a 20-krone coin in an edition of 1.2 million coins. It is of the same size and alloy as the ordinary 20-krone coin in circulation. The face of the coin shows a profile of the Queen by the sculptor, Professor Mogens Møller. This profile has been used on 10-krone and 20-krone coins since 2001. The coin can be purchased at face value from banks and Danmarks Nationalbank from 2 August 2004.

The next tower coin will be issued in early 2005.

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