

The National Bank of Poland holds the exclusive right to issue the currency of the Republic of Poland. In addition to coins and notes for general circulation, the NBP issues collector coins and notes.

All coins and notes issued by the NBP are legal tender in Poland.

Issuing collector items is an occasion to commemorate important historic figures and anniversaries, as well as to develop the interest of the public in Polish culture, science, and tradition.

Information on the issue schedule can be found at www.nbp.pl/monety website.

Collector coins issued by the NBP are sold at the Internet auctions held in the Kolekcjoner service at the following website: www.kolekcjoner.nbp.pl and at the Regional Branches of the NBP.

On 26 April 2013, the National Bank of Poland will be putting into circulation a coin *Warszawa Guided-missile Destroyer*, of the *Polish Ships* series.

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Cyprian Norwid



3D First-ever hologram to appear on a Polish coin



On the obverse, all Polish coins feature:

- Face value
- National emblem
- Legend: Republic of Poland
- Year of issue

We protect the value of money

Cyprian Norwid 1821–1883

Cyprian Norwid, original and versatile poet, prose writer, playwright, sculptor, graphic artist and painter; born in Lasków-Gluchy. The acclaim he received for his poetical debut in 1840 scarcely heralded the misunderstanding with which his later émigré work would be approached. This outstanding thinker of second-generation Romantic writers, deeply concerned with the fortunes of his homeland, sought to make an impact on his countrymen both in his enslaved country and abroad. Yet, despite being a shrewd critic of his era, he did not succeed in making himself heard during his lifetime. His sweeping aesthetical and socio-philosophical thought, by far surpassing the conventions of the time, earned recognition only after his death.

Before embarking on a tour of Europe in 1842, Norwid wandered the Mazovian countryside together with ethnographer Oskar Kolberg. During those trips, he became closely familiar with Polish folk art, which was later reflected in his concept of art expressed in the narrative poem *Promethidion*. Norwid developed an unmistakable, ironic and allusive writing style. His concepts of art and philosophy – on the one hand – and society and civilisation – on the other hand – rank among the most interesting and intellectually independent in the history of Polish culture. These ideas were presented inter alia in the cycle of a hundred lyric poems entitled *Vade-mecum*, dramas such as *Zwolon*, *The Actor*, *The Ring of a Great Lady*, *Cleopatra and Caesar*, narrative poems *Promethidion*, *Quidam*, *On the Freedom of Speech*, *Assunta*, novellas, including *Bracelet and Civilisation*, as well as a volume of treatises *On Art*.

In 1846, while in Berlin, Norwid was denounced by Prussian police to the Russian embassy and imprisoned for his refusal to collaborate with the Russian intelligence service. Upon release from prison, he started considering himself a political émigré. He went to Belgium, where he continued his painting studies, and later to Italy, where he developed his sculpting passion. After a period in Paris (1848), he travelled to the United States (1853), to return to Europe only a year and a half later. He then stayed in Paris for most of his time in exile, living in poverty, and died alone at the Saint Casimir Home there.

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On 8 April 2013, the National Bank of Poland is putting into circulation coins commemorating Cyprian Norwid, with the following face values: 200 zł, 10 zł and 2 zł.



Face value 200 zł

Metal: Au 900/1000

Finish: proof

Diameter: 27.00 mm

Weight: 15.50 g

Mintage: up to 2,500 pcs

Issuer: NBP

Designer: Ewa Tyc-Karpińska

On behalf of the NBP the coins were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



Face value 10 zł

Metal: Ag 925/1000

Finish: proof

Additional element: Hologram 3D

Diameter: 32.00 mm

Weight: 14.14 g

Mintage: up to 28,000 pcs

Issuer: NBP

Designer: Ewa Tyc-Karpińska

On behalf of the NBP the coins were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



Face value 2 zł

Metal: CuAl5Zn5Sn1 alloy

Finish: standard

Diameter: 27.00 mm

Weight: 8.15 g

Mintage: up to 800,000 pcs

Issuer: NBP

Designer: Ewa Tyc-Karpińska

On behalf of the NBP the coins were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.