



NARODOWY BANK POLSKI

Collector coins



# Treasures of Stanisław August

**Augustus III**  
**(1733–1763)**

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The collector coins with the image of King Augustus III are the last coins of the series “Treasures of Stanisław August” reproducing the famous 18th century medallic series with the images of the kings of Poland, which was struck on the order of Stanisław August Poniatowski.

The series “Treasures of Stanisław August”, issued from 2013 to 2023, will end – like the original series – with the issue of coins with the image of Augustus III.





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# Augustus III (1733–1763)

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The twenty third and final coin of the medallion series depicts Augustus III, of the Wettin dynasty, from 1733 Elector of Saxony (as Frederick Augustus II), elected King of Poland on 5 October 1733 under the protection of Saxon and Russian troops, crowned on 17 January 1734 in Kraków. At the same time, part of the nobility elected Stanisław Leszczyński as king, which resulted in a succession war that ended with the capitulation of Stanisław's supporters. In 1736, a conciliatory Sejm (parliament session) was held, the only Sejm not broken off during the reign of Augustus III. Poland, not being a party to the Seven Years' War and Saxony's armed conflicts with Prussia, suffered as a theatre of foreign army marches and lost its position as a strong state. Despite this, the country enjoyed a period of economic prosperity and cultural development.

The reverse of the coin features a bust of the king, transferred from the medal (according to a painting by Marcello Bacciarelli) with the profile facing right, in a small wig with a queue, wearing a stock tie with a jabot fastened with a pin, dressed in a tailcoat with rich embroidery and ornamental buttons, with frogged lapels and the ribbon of the Order of the Golden Fleece around his neck.

On the obverse of the coin, the text from the reverse of the medal (in translation) reads:

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Friedrich August II, son of the Elector of Saxony and King of Poland Augustus II the Strong and Christiane Eberhardine, was born in Dresden in 1696 as the next Elector of Saxony. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith by his grandmother Anna Sophia, received a courtly education and completed the long-lasting eight-year Grand Tour. To ascend to the Polish throne, he converted to Catholicism in 1712. His wife, Archduchess Maria Josepha Habsburg, a staunch Catholic, supported the king in his foreign policy and cultural activities. They had 14 children, who, through their marriages, colligated with many courts of Europe. In domestic politics, Augustus III manoeuvred between magnate coteries, relying on the decisions of his minister Henry Brühl. He promoted music and opera and relished lavish festivities, mainly in Dresden. He enriched Dresden's art collections and extended the Royal Castle in Warsaw.

Augustus III died in Dresden in 1763 and was buried there in the Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Hofkirche).

Marta Męcłewska

## AUGUSTUS III Collector coins

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Face value: 500 zł

metal: Au 999.9/1000

finish: standard

diameter: 45 mm

weight: 62.2 g

On the edge, the inscription:

SKARBY STANISŁAWA AUGUSTA

\* AUGUST III SAS \*

mintage: up to 600 pcs

Designer – Robert Kotowicz

Producer: Mennica Polska SA

commissioned by NBP

Date of issue: 5 December 2023



Face value: 50 zł

metal: Ag 999/1000

finish: standard

diameter: 45 mm

weight: 62.2 g

On the edge, the inscription:

SKARBY STANISŁAWA AUGUSTA

\* AUGUST III SAS \*

mintage: up to 6,000 pcs

Designer – Robert Kotowicz

Producer: Mennica Polska SA

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Date of issue: 5 December 2023





Bolesław Chrobry  
Boleslaus the Brave (992–1025)  
Date of issue: 12 III 2013



Władysław Jagiełło  
Ladislav Jagiello (1386–1434)  
Date of issue: 3 III 2015



Wacław II Czeski  
Vaclav II (1291–1305)  
Date of issue: 22 V 2013



Władysław Warneńczyk  
Ladislav of Varna (1434–1444)  
Date of issue: 15 IX 2015



Władysław Łokietek  
Ladislav the Elbow-high (1320–1333)  
Date of issue: 13 IX 2013



Kazimierz Jagiellończyk  
Casimir Jagiellon (1447–1492)  
Date of issue: 3 XII 2015



Kazimierz Wielki  
Casimir the Great (1333–1370)  
Date of issue: 3 III 2014



Jan Olbracht  
John Albert (1492–1501)  
Date of issue: 14 VI 2016



Ludwik Węgierski  
Louis I of Hungary (1370–1382)  
Date of issue: 10 IX 2014



Aleksander Jagiellończyk  
Alexander (1501–1506)  
Date of issue: 7 XII 2016



Jadwiga Andegaweńska  
Jadwiga of Anjou (1384–1399)  
Date of issue: 4 XII 2014



Zygmunt I Stary  
Sigismund the Elder (1506–1548)  
Date of issue: 12 VII 2017



Zygmunt August  
Sigismund-Augustus  
(1548–1572)  
Date of issue: 7 XII 2017



Michał Korybut Wiśniowiecki  
(1669–1673)  
Date of issue: 2 XII 2021



Henryk Walezy  
Henry Valois (1573–1575)  
Date of issue: 12 VII 2018



Jan III Sobieski  
John III Sobieski (1674–1696)  
Date of issue: 9 II 2022



Stefan Batory  
Stephen Bathory (1576–1586)  
Date of issue: 17 I 2019



August II Mocny  
Augustus II the Strong  
(1697–1706, 1709–1733)  
Date of issue: 1 XII 2022



Zygmunt III Waza  
Sigismund Vasa (1587–1632)  
Date of issue: 23 I 2020



Stanisław Leszczyński  
(1705–1709, 1733–1736)  
Date of issue: 26 I 2023



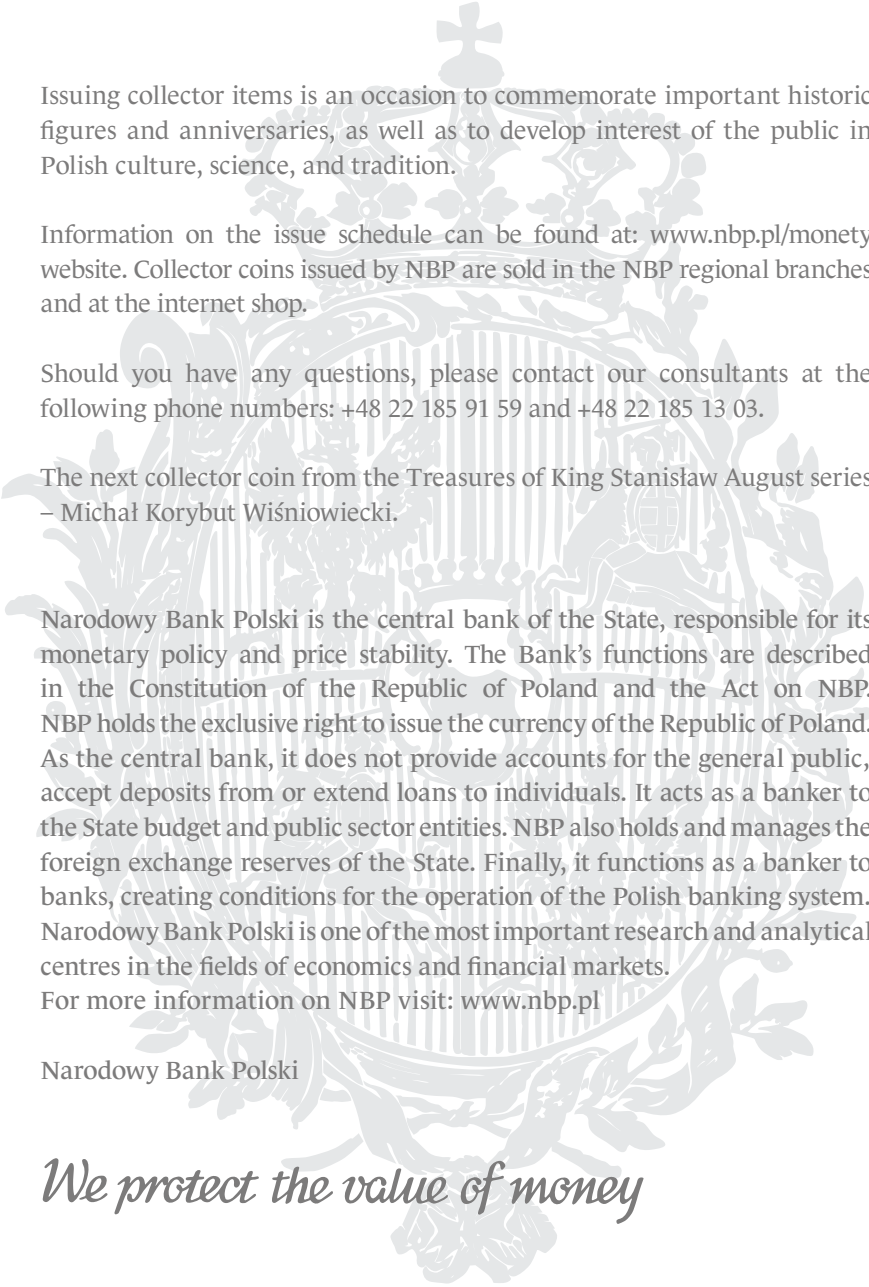
Władysław IV Waza  
Ladislav Vasa (1632–1648)  
Date of issue: 3 XII 2020



August III Sas  
Augustus III (1733–1763)  
Date of issue: 5 XII 2023 r.



Jan Kazimierz Waza  
John Casimir Vasa (1648–1668)  
Date of issue: 26 I 2021



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