Commemorative coins to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of the playwright Anton Tomaž Linhart

Anton Tomaž Linhart (born: Radovljica, 11 December 1756; died: Ljubljana, 14 July 1795) attended schools in Ljubljana and Vienna. After completing his schooling he found work as an archivist, and was then a school inspector. As schools commissioner for the Ljubljana district he was committed to expansion, and set up 18 new rural primary schools. He worked to establish a central library for public study in Ljubljana. It was at his initiative that the lyceum library, the predecessor to the national and university library, was founded in the city. Linhart was the first Slovenian playwright to adapt and translate a German comedy into Slovene, naming it *Micka, the Daughter of a Mayor*. It was the first secular play in Slovene, debuting on 28 December 1789, and this date is considered the birth of Slovenian theatre. He also wrote a longer comedy entitled *The Happy Day, or Matiček Gets Married*, which was not performed until 1848. With his historic work in two parts *An Attempt at the History of Carniola and Other Lands of the South Slavs of Austria*, he was the first to study and deal with the history of the Slovenes as a nation.

Linhart was the most important figure in the awakening of Slovenian national consciousness, the most consistent free-thinker and Enlightenment figure, and the first bourgeois in Slovenian culture. Through his work and his images he encouraged the development of dramatic literature in Slovene and made the first attempts at a scientific historiography. He also deserves credit for his work in education and librarianship.

To honour the 250th anniversary of the birth of the playwright, poet, historian and scholar Anton Tomaž Linhart, the Republic of Slovenia has issued commemorative coins featuring an outlined image of Linhart, and the years of his birth and death.

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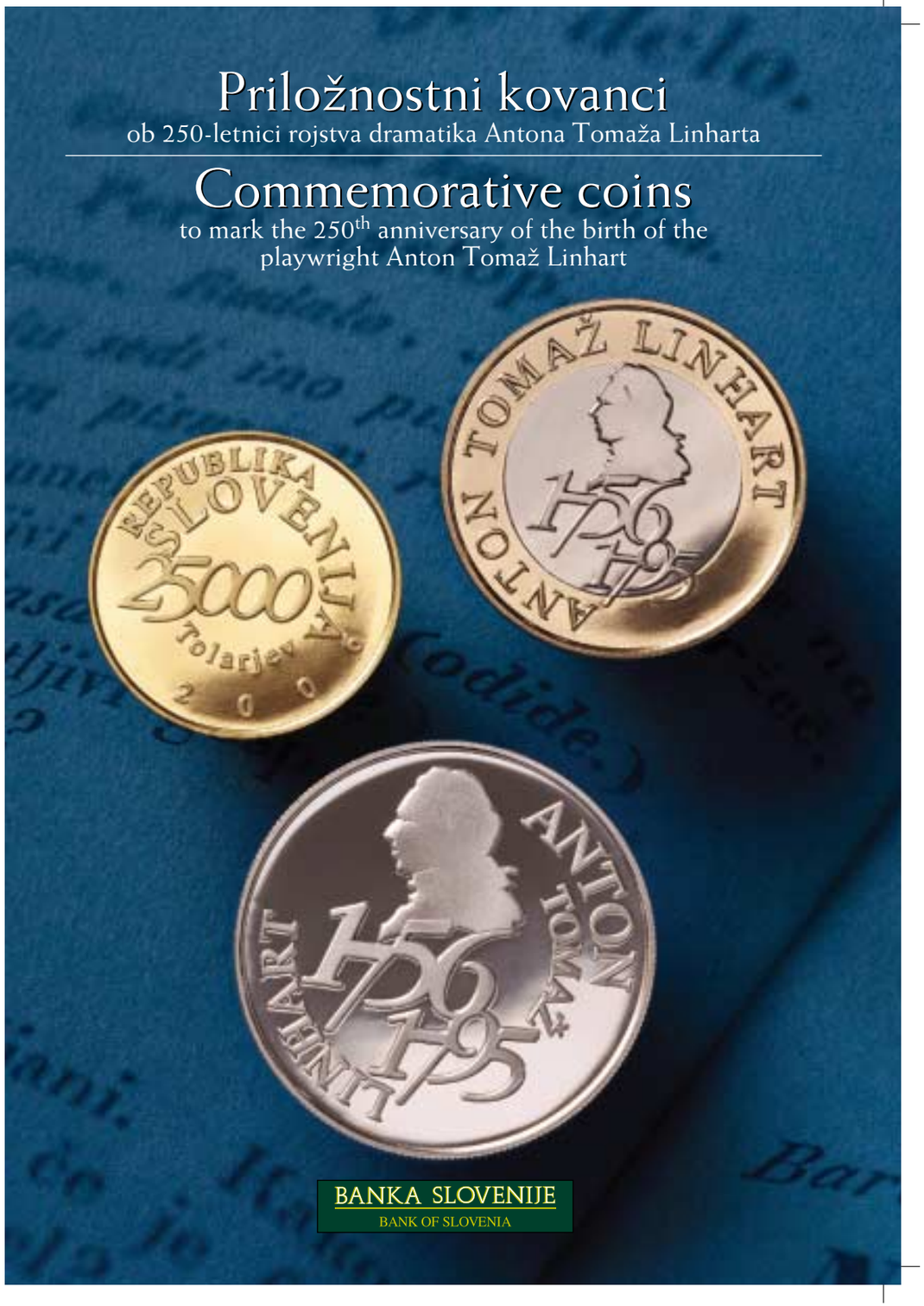
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Anton Tomaž Linhart (Radovljica, 11. 12. 1756 - Ljubljana, 14. 7. 1795) se je šolal v Ljubljani in na Dunaju. Po šolanju se je zaposlil kot arhivar in bil nato šolski revizor. Kot šolski komisar v ljubljanskem okrožju se je zavzemal za ustanavljanje šol in ustanovil 18 novih podeželskih osnovnih šol. Prizadeval si je za ustanovitev osrednje in javne študijske knjižnice v Ljubljani. Na njegovo pobudo je bila ustanovljena licejska knjižnica, predhodnica Narodne in univerzitetne knjižnice v Ljubljani. Linhart je prvi slovenski dramatik, ki je v slovenski jezik prevedel in priredil nemško komedijo in jo poimenoval "Županova Micka". Gre za prvo slovensko posvetno gledališko delo, ki je bilo uprizorjeno 28. decembra 1789. Ta dan velja za rojstni dan slovenskega gledališča. Napisal je tudi daljšo komedijo "Ta veseli dan ali Matiček se ženi", ki je bila uprizorjena šele leta 1848. Z zgodovinskim delom v dveh delih "Poskus zgodovine Kranjske in ostalih dežel južnih Slovanov Avstrije" je prvi uveljavil proučevanje in obravnavanje zgodovine Slovencev kot narodnostne celote.

Linhart je bil najpomembnejši slovenski preroditelj, najdoslednejši svobodomislec in razsvetljenec ter prvi izraziti meščan v slovenski kulturi. Z delom in pobudami je spodbujal razvoj dramskega slovstva v slovenskem jeziku in napravil prve poskuse znanstvenega zgodovinopisja. Zasluge ima tudi na področju šolstva in knjižničarstva.

V počastitev 250-letnice rojstva dramatika, pesnika, zgodovinarja in šolnika Antona Tomaža Linharta je Republika Slovenija izdala priložnostne kovance, na katerih je osrednji motiv konturna podoba Linharta ter letnici njegovega rojstva in smrti.

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IZDELAVA IN KOVANJE:
Mincovna Kremnica, š. p., Slovaška

Zlatnik / Gold coin

nominalna vrednost:
25.000 SIT
čistina: Au 900/1000
teža: 7 gramov
premer: 24 milimetrov
izdano: 1.000 kovancev



Nominal value: 25,000 tolars
Purity: Au 900/1000
Weight: 7 g
Diameter: 24 mm
Series issued: 1,000 coins

Srebrnik / Silver coin

nominalna vrednost:
5.000 SIT
čistina: Ag 925/1000
teža: 15 gramov
premer: 32 milimetrov
izdano: 2.000 kovancev



Nominal value: 5,000 tolars
Purity: Ag 925/1000
Weight: 15 g
Diameter: 32 mm
Series issued: 2,000 coins

Priložnostni tečajni kovanec / Commemorative coin for general circulation

nominalna vrednost:
500 SIT
zlitina: jedro 75 Cu 25 Ni
obod 78 Cu
20 Zn 2 Ni
teža: 9 gramov
premer: 28 milimetrov
izdano: 100.000 kovancev



Nominal value: 500 tolars
bi-coloured: composition:
alloy: disc 75% Cu,
25% Ni
ring 78% Cu,
20% Zn, 2% Ni
Weight: 9 g
Diameter: 28 mm
Series issued: 100,000 coins