

100 GADU OLIMPISKAJĀS SPĒLĒS

100 YEARS
IN OLYMPIC GAMES



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The coin has been designed and modelled by Aigars Bikše and struck by *Koninklijke Nederlandse Munt* (the Netherlands).

Kopš tās reizes teju visās olimpiskajās spēlēs mūsējie arvien bijuši naski dalībnieki. Pirmais sudrabs tika dižajam latvju solotājam Jānim Dalinam 1932. gadā

Šādu raženu ieguldījumu, ko ik pa laikam apbrīno teju visa cilvēce, Latvijas Banka atzīnē ar speciālas monētas laidieni, kas iecerēts arī kā draudzīgs pamudinājums uz jauniem sportiskiem varoņdarbiem 2012. gada Olimpiādes spēlēs Londonā. Naigi, naigi tik uz priekšu – ātrāk, augstāk, spēcīgāk!



Where do the vivacious roots of ardent sporting spirit stem from nowadays? What lies underneath, if we remember that our ancestor Latvians did not relax in front of ancient temples to cherish lofty and noble philosophical ideas before running a marathon? They could not spare time for endless contemplation, for the pressing everyday needs made them run, throw, swim, jump, dive, slide and shoot with no respite. Rather, a bear woken up from its deep winter sleep in the Amber Sea environs could make them run a marathon for their lives. Few could be as strong as the national hero Bearlayer, for the majority their feet were all to rely on. Later these skills were reborn in the flashing-past heels of Jānis Daliņš and Aigars Fadejevs. In those days, the only help in the pursuit of game, either deer or roebuck, and making it contribute to the human food supply was an accurately thrown spear

The Bank of Latvia is celebrating this rich contribution, from time to time deserving the admiration of almost the entire world, by issuing a special collector coin and simultaneously a friendly inducement to attain new and higher goals at the London 2012 Games. Have audacity to move ahead – *altius, citius, fortius!*

