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“Money of the World Today” Set To Close Oct. 15 At the ANA Money Museum

“Money of the World Today: A Portrait of Global Society” will close Oct. 15th at the ANA Money Museum. The exhibit, featuring currency from 192 world countries, will be replaced Nov. 9 by “The Die Is Cast: Money of the Ancient World,” which will explore the dawn of money and its use in ancient civilizations.

Guests to “Money of the World Today” have had the chance to travel the world while learning about the art, culture, and economy of different countries as seen through money. Each of the world’s six inhabited continents has a “passport station,” where visitors can stamp a world passport as proof of their trek across the globe. Douglas Mudd, Curator of Exhibits at the ANA, credits the exhibit’s huge popularity to the wide range of styles and imagery currently used by countries to create their coins and paper money.

“The design and artwork featured on a piece of currency teaches us about its place of origin,” Mudd said. “You can learn a lot about a country’s geography, industry, history and pastimes from the money it uses.”

The culture-defining currency featured in the exhibit includes a South African 10 rand note depicting a white rhinoceros, a Chinese 1 yuan note with an illustration of the Great Wall of China, and several Irish Euro Coins portraying the Irish Harp, the country’s national instrument.

“The Die is Cast: Money of the Ancient World,” the Money Museum’s newest exhibit, will make its debut on November 9th. The exhibit will explore the invention of money in the 7th century B.C., its development throughout the ancient world, and its use in the great civilizations of Athens and Rome.

The Money Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free and group tours are available by calling 719.482.9834.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

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