AUSTRIAN COINAGE

HOP INTO SPRING!
Recent release featuring a hare signals the beginning of the season.

Hanging in Vienna’s Albertina Museum is one of the most recognizable watercolors ever produced—*Feldhase* (“Young Hare” or “Field Hare”). Painted in 1502 by Albrecht Dürer, a Renaissance artist, printmaker, engraver and theorist, this masterpiece is memorialized on the Austrian Mint’s latest release, issued in copper and silver.

The €5 coin’s reverse features a hare and another work by Dürer titled *The Great Piece of Turf*, which forms the background. The artist’s famous monogram is displayed at the lower right. Designed by Austrian Mint Chief Engraver Thomas Pesendorfer, the reverse also bears the year of issue, 2016.

The obverse design is common to Austrian €5 coins—the denomination at the center, surrounded by shields representing each of the country’s nine provinces. Along the upper rim is the inscription REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH.

The nine-sided coins measure 28.5mm in diameter. The uncirculated copper specimen has a mintage of 200,000; the uncirculated .800-fine-silver piece is limited to 50,000. To purchase or to obtain more information, visit www.muenzeoesterreich.at/eng.