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## TALL TALE

# Greek Victory

*Inaugural issue reveals the famous deception that led to the fall of Troy.*

➤ THE FIRST ISSUE in the Mint of Poland's "Ancient Myths" series highlighting well-known stories from antiquity features the tale of the stately wooden horse gifted to the Trojans by the Greeks during the Trojan War. Despite warnings from several citi-

zens who were wary of the conciliatory gesture and assumed ulterior motives, the Trojans accepted the statue as a victory trophy. Hidden inside the monumental horse were approximately 30 Greek soldiers who exited at night and opened Troy's city gates to allow the rest of their army to enter and attack, decisively winning the war.

A conceptual rendering of the famous equine graces the reverse of the 2-ounce, .999-fine-silver NZ\$10 coin. A wooden disc resembling a shield is located over the horse's mid-section at the coin's center, and TROJAN HORSE is inscribed in English above. The obverse depicts a fleet of Greek ships carrying armed warriors to invade the doomed city.

ANCIENT MYTHS is inscribed above, and a coin-

like image bearing Ian Rank-Broadley's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, 10 DOLLARS, AG 999, 2016 and NIUE is situated in front of the ships' sails. The piece is struck for the island nation of Niue.

The high-relief issue has an antique finish, and mintage is limited to 500 pieces, each of which is serially numbered on the edge. The coin is enclosed in a wooden box with a certificate of authenticity and sells for US\$259.90.

## WAR STORY

- 50mm, .999-fine silver.
- Denomination: NZ\$10.
- Weight: 62.2g.
- Mintage: 500.
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