

50 EURO GOLD COIN

# TINA BLAU – PAINTER



Series	Austria's Unsung Heroines
Face Value	€ 50
Date of Issue	15 February 2023
Coin Design	Helmut Andexlinger, Kathrin Kuntner
Diameter	22 mm
Quality	Proof
Mintage	20,000
Alloy	Gold Au 986
Fine Weight	1/4 oz (7.78 g)
Total Weight	7.89 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial  
issue price: € 545 (Tax free)

*Comes in a case complete with a numbered  
certificate of authenticity and protective slipcase.*

The first unsung Austrian heroine in this fascinating series, Tina Blau, born in Vienna in 1845, was drawn to painting as a child. In those days, aspiring female painters had to rely on private lessons as there were no official training opportunities for them, but she was fortunate to have a highly supportive father. Not content to work in a studio, she painted landscapes at a time when outdoor painting was not very popular and was among the first Austrian artists to travel through Austria and other European countries in search of new subjects. Characterised by the re-discovery of Biedermeier realism, her style also showed impressionistic tendencies. She painted her masterpiece *Spring in the Prater* in the meadows of the Viennese park in 1882. Unprecedented in its brightness, the painting made Tina Blau an artist of European standing.

In 1883, she moved to Munich where she taught at the Women Artists' Association. Her first major exhibition was held there in 1890; she later exhibited her work at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 and her work was presented at many subsequent international exhibitions. In 1897, she helped found the Wiener Frauenakademie, an art school for women in Vienna, where she taught until 1915. A truly modern painter and thinker, Tina Blau was a courageous and independent personality who had a profound effect on the next generations of women artists. She died in the Austrian capital in 1916.

## COIN MOTIF

The coin's obverse features a likeness of Tina Blau taken from a photograph from her youth. A broad brushstroke dominates the background of the coin. Decorated with trees and flowers, the right-hand side of the coin's reverse focuses on the landscape painting for which Tina Blau became famous. The portraits of two women on the left allude to her time teaching at the *Wiener Frauenakademie*.



## AUSTRIA'S UNSUNG HEROINES COLLECTOR CASE

Made of solid oak from Austria this ingenious collector 'tower' comes in a dark-red protective box. The tower is divided into five separate discs each with a recess that houses and protects one of the five coins in the Austria's Unsung Heroines series.

The discs can be fanned out so that collectors can proudly display all their coins at the same time. Cleverly designed and beautifully finished, this superb collector case perfectly complements this most commendable of coin series.

**Price:** € 69 (incl. 20% VAT)

*Collector Case, coins not included*

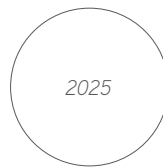
## SERIES OVERVIEW



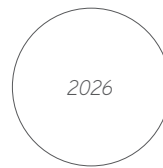
Tina Blau -  
Painter



Veza Canetti -  
Writer



Margarete  
Schütte-Lihotzky -  
Architect



Hilde Loewe-Flatter  
- Composer



Lise Meitner -  
Scientist

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