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HOLLYWOOD LEGEND MAKES RARE APPEARANCE ON PERTH MINT COINS

The Perth Mint is delighted to celebrate Charlie Chaplin's mammoth contribution to the movie industry with the release of two stunning gold and silver commemoratives.

A master of mime and a comic genius, Sir Charles Spencer 'Charlie' Chaplin KBE captured the hearts of early movie-goers to become one of the most famous and admired men in the world.

Better known by his stage persona, *The Tramp*, Charlie entertained audiences for more than three decades, appearing in over 80 shorts and feature films.

The Perth Mint's limited edition 1/4oz 99.99% pure gold coin displays a sculpted portrait of *The Tramp*, surrounded by the words CHARLIE CHAPLIN and 100 YEARS OF LAUGHTER.

To compliment this release, a 1oz 99.9% pure silver coin has also been issued. With the use of lenticular lenses, the design features *The Tramp* jauntily walking as shown in the closing scenes of the 1928 silent movie, *The Circus*, bordered by the inscription CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

Perth Mint Sales and Marketing Director, Ron Currie, said that Charlie Chaplin remains one of the most influential and iconic Hollywood stars of all time. "These tribute coins celebrate this talented and unique artist, and the decades of laughter that he brought to the world."

"With an extremely limited mintage, each release reflects the global phenomenon of *The Tramp* over the last 100 years," he added.

The Perth Mint will release just 1,000 of the 2014 *The Tramp* – 100 Years of Laughter 1/4oz gold coins in a prestigious MP4 box which plays a short film clip to Chaplin's own music when the lid of the case is opened. Only 5,000 of the 2014 Charlie Chaplin – 100 Years of Laughter 1oz silver coin will be presented in a framed latex case which displays both sides of the commemorative.

Priced at \$750.00 and \$109.00 respectively, both coins can be purchased from The Perth Mint at 310 Hay Street in East Perth, by telephoning toll free 1800 098 817 or by visiting www.perthmint.com.au. Collectors can also purchase the commemoratives from leading coin dealers and Australia Post outlets.

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