

2016 \$20 FINE SILVER COIN THE UNIVERSE GLOW-IN-THE-DARK GLASS WITH OPAL

Canadian amateur astronomers using the Burke-Gaffney Observatory made a remarkable discovery in 1995 when they identified a supernova in a galaxy about 70 million light years away—the first such discovery made from within Canada. Such a powerful and colourful explosion is a rare celestial event, as the dying star expires in a burst of bright light and expelled energy; it is a truly breathtaking sight to behold, one of great ethereal beauty in a universe that still holds so many secrets!

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ACTUAL SIZE



SPECIAL FEATURES

- An unforgettable combination of detailed engraving and vibrant colour, with a handcrafted borosilicate glass insert combined with glow-in-the-dark glass that makes each coin truly unique!
- Added luminescence within the glass captures the lights and colours associated with a supernova—a stunning effect that also adds a shine to the reverse's star-filled sky.
- An outstanding keepsake for stargazers, astronomers, outdoor enthusiasts and anyone who has ever marvelled at the beautiful mysteries of the universe.
- A celebration of the Burke-Gaffney Observatory's distinction as one in a select group of observatories to have discovered a supernova, which is a source of pride for the passionate stargazers of Atlantic Canada.
- With its innovative features, its beautifully rendered artistic design and a limited mintage of only 8,500 coins worldwide, this coin is sure to be sought after.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

SRP	\$149.95
Item Number	149878
UPC	6-23932-07411-8
Composition	99.99% pure silver
Mintage	8,500
Weight (g)*	31.39
Diameter (mm)	38
Face Value	\$20
Finish	Proof, color and borosilicate glass
Edge	Serrated
Artist	Joel Kimmel and Loïc Beaumont-Tremblay
Packaging	Maroon clamshell with black beauty box
Finished size	88 mm x 88 mm
Master Pack	50



DESIGN

The engraved reverse by Canadian artist Joel Kimmel re-creates the dome of the Burke-Gaffney Observatory located at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where a student looks through the observatory's telescope. Against the softly coloured glow of a clear, star-filled night sky, a unique glass insert captures the otherworldly beauty of a supernova crafted by borosilicate artist Loïc Beaumont-Tremblay. The crystal-clear globule of boro glass contains an opal that represents the dying star, which is meticulously positioned over a darkly coloured background and surrounded by wisps of swirled glass and glow-in-the-dark colours. There is a remarkably luminous quality to the insert that conveys this stellar explosion of light and energy, which could easily outshine the glow of its own galaxy—even if only temporarily.