



obverse

## THE POLISH COIN COMMEMORATING the 400th ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH SETTLEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA

In 1608 a number of Polish craftsmen skilled in the making of glass, tar, pitch, and wood products were brought to Jamestown, Virginia. These settlers from Poland significantly contributed to the success of the colony. Poles have always formed an integral and important part of the fabric of the United States of America. Like many other immigrant groups, Poles came to America to seek a better way of life, and in many cases that life included a freedom they were denied in their homeland. As the State of Poland entirely lost its independence at the end of the 18th century due to military partitions by foreign powers, Polish patriots, among them Count Casimir Pulaski and Tadeusz Kosciuszko, left for America to fight for American Independence.



reverse

The Polish coin commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Polish Settlement in North America was awarded the prize for the most technologically advanced silver coin at the 26th Mint Directors Conference held in Canberra, Australia. The coin was granted this award by the most prestigious panel of mint directors from all over the world which makes it the best coin in the world in this category. It was designed by Mr. Robert Kotowicz, medalist. This coin was produced by the Mint of Poland and issued by the National Bank of Poland on December 17th, 2008. In the centre of the coin, as a tribute to Jamestown's Polish glassblowers, there is a glass core with a stylized image of a man blowing glassware. On the reverse, at both sides of the core there are stylized images of men making glass. Above the core there is a ship with the newly arrived settlers. On the obverse of the ring were placed fragments of the stylized map of Virginia as well as images of the settlers and Indians.

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**  
Country: Poland, Year 2008.  
Face Value: 10 zloty (Pln)  
Weight: 14.14 grams, Metal: Silver 925 /1000  
Size: 32.00 mm.  
Mintage: 126,000 pcs.