## Akim Monet Fine Arts, LLC



## Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Clad Half Dollar, Moon Core, with Mission Patch

Clad, Copper-Nickel – CuNi - 11.34 Grams – g - Graded MS70 Sonically sealed in an acrylic holder, with card numbered 4954103-186 and Apollo 11 Mission Patch

Acrylic holder:  $3^{5/16} \times 2^{3/8} \times 3/8$  in (8.5 x 6 x 1 cm) - Patch diameter:  $4^{1/8}$  in (10.5 cm)

2019

**PROVENANCE** 

Bill Gale, Minneapolis

## **FXHIBITED**

Disruptive selection, Fall 2019, Popcorn Gallery Akim Monet Fine Arts, Los Angeles

## **NOTES**

On July 20, 1969, the people of Earth were glued to their television sets. Before their very eyes, a door opened, a ladder descended, and a man first set foot on the surface of the Moon. The footprints, the flag and plaque left on the lunar surface sent an eternal message throughout the cosmos: humanity had finally reached the heavens, and America led the way.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, Congress authorized the release of the present special, limited-edition commemorative half dollar. It represents just the second time in history that the U.S. Mint has struck a coin with a curved surface. On the coin's obverse is the indented footprint left by astronaut Neil Armstrong along with the names of the space programs that led to such a historic moment: MERCURY, GEMINI and APOLLO separated by phases of the Moon. On the flip-side of the coin is the outward curve of an astronaut's helmet. The design recreates a close-up of the famous photograph snapped by Neil Armstrong of Buzz Aldrin.

The present 2019-S Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Half-Dollar has been graded by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as being in flawless Mint State-70 (MS70) condition, a distinction that means the perfectly-graded coin is free of imperfections – showing all features and fields exactly as the engraver and mint intended. In addition, NGC has graded the present half-dollar to be an Early Releases (ER) coin, a designation that means this coin was received by NGC or an NGC-approved depository within the first 30 days of its release. The coin is sonically sealed in an acrylic holder that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing in 1969 with a special Moon display core that resembles the Moon's surface. It is accompanied by an Apollo 11 Mission Patch.

Source: https://www.govmint.com/2019-d-apollo-11-50th-anniversary-clad-half-dollar-ngc-ms70-early-releases-moon-core-with-mission-patch





Apollo 11 Mission Patch