

The Tyrant Collection

The World's Most Valuable Private Coin Collection—the Tyrant Collection, which includes the most famous and valuable ancient, world and United States rare coins, is publicly displayed over the course of several years through a series of exhibits at Long Beach Expo conventions since last year.



“For a number of years, the Tyrant collector has been assembling what is undoubtedly the world’s most valuable coin collection in private hands, worth hundreds of millions of dollars,” said Ira Goldberg, President of Goldberg Coins and Collectibles in Los Angeles, California, who provided guidance in assembling The Tyrant Collection. “I’m sure collectors will be surprised and delighted as more information is revealed about upcoming displays of this remarkable collection.”



Why it is called the Tyrant Collection?

“The focus of the collection is tyrants of every age and culture,” explained the anonymous owner of the Tyrant Collection.



Lydian Kings, Gold Stater, CA. 564/3-550/39 BC

The World's First Gold Coin

from Tyrants of the Tigris & Euphrates Exhibit

The first thing tyrants do upon obtaining power is strike coins with their name and likeness, announcing their claim to their territory. And they continue to strike coins to maintain their claim until the day they die or are deposed. Everyday coinage is the primary means by which tyrants notify their subjects and rivals of their tyranny. The focus of the collection is tyrants of every age and culture. Tyrants go by many titles: Kings and Queens, Emperors and Empresses, Czars and Czarinas, Dictators, Regents, Popes, Caliphs, Sultans, Khans and presidents. But what defines them is their absolute power over a territory containing millions of people. Tyrants have been the primary shapers of history for thousands of years.



Edward III, The Gold Double-Leopard, PCGS-MS62

from Tyrants of the Thames Exhibit

Coins still exist for nearly every tyrant who ever ruled a substantial country, even only for more than a few weeks. The objective of the Tyrant Collection is to obtain a coin for every tyrant that ruled every major country, preferably a large gold coin with the tyrant's name, likeness and titles.

What we will see from the exhibits?

The Tyrant Collection is divided into sections, one for each of the major civilizations that issued coins for an extended period of time. Civilizations require access to water for irrigation and transportation, so they tend to crystalize around bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes, or seas. Each section of the Tyrant Collection is named after the body of water that it dominates



So far, the Tyrant Collection has displayed three exhibitions of different sections in Long Beach Expo conventions. They are:

- Tyrants of the Thames
- Tyrants of the Tigris & Euphrates
- Tyrants of the Tyrrhenian & Adriatic Seas



Charles II, Silver Pattern "Petition" Crown by Thomas Simon, PCGS-SP53
from Tyrants of the Thames Exhibit

There will be more sections of the Tyrant Collection to be displayed at subsequent Long Beach shows. The exhibition for the upcoming June 2019 Long Beach coin show will be Tyrants of the Tiber.

This upcoming unprecedented exhibit will encompass the tyrants of Rome from the earliest Roman Republic portrait coins over 2,200 years ago through the Imperial and Imperial Periods, including an extremely rare set of the famous 12 Caesars in gold with many of the coins recorded as the finest known, and ending with the fall of Rome and the invading tribes. In addition, since the Vatican practically sits on the Tiber River, this amazing exhibit will also include the coinage of the Popes.



More about future exhibits

The Tyrant Collection of world coins has dazzled and impressed the coin viewing public with its spectacular exhibits at the Long Beach Coin Show.

The United States exhibits will begin with the first 2020 Long Beach show and will showcase the first complete early gold eagle variety collection ever assembled. All 33 early eagle varieties from 1795 to 1804 will be represented.



1804 \$10 Plain 4 (Proof), PCGS-PR64

Also, all the eagles from 1838 to 1915, including the mint marked coins, will be exhibited with many finest known examples. Proofs of nearly every year from 1857 to 1915 will also be exhibited alongside their circulation strike counterparts. Other early Proof eagles on exhibit will include 1804, 1838, 1839, and 1846 – all legendary rarities.

The second United States exhibit will be during the first Long Beach show of 2021 and contains a major variety type set of all the coins struck since 1793 – in both circulation strike and Proof, when there are Proofs known for the type.

These two exhibits will be as spectacular as the world exhibits that numismatists have enjoyed from the Tyrant Collection – the most valuable private coin collection in the world.