
'My Last Penny'

2010

'My Last Penny' by Martijn Sandberg is available in a multiple edition of 450 pieces, as the jaarpenning 2010/ art medal 2010 issued by the Vereniging voor Penningkunst VPK/ Dutch Art Medal Society.

The art medal 2010 refers to the financial crisis. 'My Last Penny' states that it is our last cent. What should we do with this last cent? Spend it, or give it away? Keep it as a memento of bankruptcy? Who is 'My' if I give the medal away? 'My Last Penny' is an openwork token, so that the reverse is a logical result of the front side.

What is the value of a penny that you can partly see through? 'My Last Penny' exists by the grace of Nothing. Scrapping reinforces what remains. What is missing has potency, it would seem. Less is more.

'My Last Penny' in the outstretched hand of the artist. Donation or plea? Benefaction or begging? Charity or fast-change trick? A true confession or sham poverty?

You can order the 'My Last Penny' multiple. The Vereniging voor Penningkunst website has more information on the release, price and how to place an order: www.peningkunst.nl

Title: 'My Last Penny'

Multiple: jaarpenning 2010 / art medal 2010

Edition: 450 pieces

Measurements: diameter 62mm, thickness 3mm

Material: brass, perforated

Concept and design: June 2009

Available from: October 2010

Commissioned by: Vereniging voor Penningkunst VPK/ Dutch Art Medal Society

Production: Koninklijke Begeer, Zeist/ NL