

## Royal Canadian Mint Celebration Coins Created by Gary Taxali

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In 2011, artists [Gary Taxali](#) was approached to create the artwork for six celebration-themed coins for [The Royal Canadian Mint](#). The 25 cent coins that he designed have now been minted and five of them are now [available to purchase](#) at The Royal Canadian Mint's website. Gary has detailed the [entire story](#) and included images of the coin's art on his [blog](#). A [limited-edition print](#) that celebrates the artwork of the coins is also available.

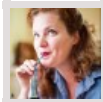
I have been very fortunate in my art career so far to have worked on many exciting and meaningful projects. This past year, I began a project which is not only of such nature, it is without a doubt the most important art project of my career so far. I was contacted by a very kind and enthusiastic ad agency Art Director named Dave Tupper at Young and Rubicam in Toronto, who sent me an email stating he was a big fan of my work. Dave then asked me in a very straight-ahead, no-nonsense kind of way if I would be interested in doing...get this, a coin for The Royal Canadian Mint. (!!!!)...

I was given the themes of "Wedding", "New Baby", "Tooth Fairy", "Birthday", "O Canada" and "Holiday". I jumped in head first and started sketching. Dave told me that I had to consider the "engraving" and so creating designs that would translate graphically to that process was important.



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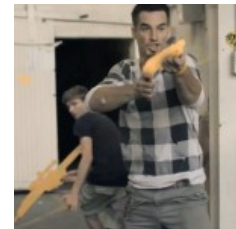
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