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# Royal Canadian Mint is churning out coins honoring Elvis

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OTTAWA — Elvis is in the building — and you can take that to the bank.

The Royal Canadian Mint, that bastion of conservative money-makers, is striking commemorative Elvis coins. In four poses.

There's the early Elvis in a pose from Jailhouse Rock. "Rock and

roll reign begins," reads the inscription.

Next is Elvis in Hawaii. "Elvis: today, tomorrow and forever," says the inscription on the second one-ounce silver coin.

Third in the series is a gold record commemoration — Elvis on a coin designed to look like a miniature record.

And the largest coin ever struck

by the mint is a massive ten-ounce silver commemoration with three likenesses of The King surrounded by an American Eagle with its wings spread. "Elvis, welcome to my world," it reads.

Each of the one-ounce coins sells for \$69 while the giant 10-ounce Elvis, complete with velvet-lined wooden box produced by the mint, goes for \$325.

Mike Makri, owner of Toronto's Legendary Coins, came up with the idea.

"I've always been a bit of a coin collector and a lot of my friends are Elvis fans.

"They told me they couldn't get Elvis coins anywhere, no one sells them so I contacted the mint, got the rights from Graceland and that was it."

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