

## SILK PEARCE MEDAL COVER MARKS 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST PAUL'S

**PRESS RELEASE 12 MAY 2008**

Silk Pearce has teamed up with Royal Mint and Royal Mail to design a commemorative medal cover celebrating the 300th anniversary of the completion of Sir Christopher Wren's architectural masterpiece: St Paul's Cathedral, London. The special pack, which is available from 13 May, includes a brilliant uncirculated medal, an insert card charting the cathedral's 1,400 year old history and a miniature sheet of commemorative stamps. The minisheet of two 1st class and two 78p stamps, depicting the interior of the cathedral, is also available separately from Post Offices and other sales outlets.

Silk Pearce's design for the cover uses a photograph of the carved phoenix with the single Latin word 'resurgam' underneath from above the south door. The word means 'I will rise again' and with the sculpture symbolised the re-birth of St Paul's following its destruction in the Great Fire of London, 1666. The insert card, which was also designed and written by the consultancy, illustrates and describes key milestones in the cathedral's development from when a Christian church dedicated to St Paul was first constructed on the City of London site in AD604.



St Paul's Cathedral medal cover





“2008 is a landmark year at St Paul’s not just with the anniversary but also because it heralds the completion of a major, top-to-toe £40 million cleaning and restoration programme. Silk Pearce has created an informative, high impact medal cover that will be treasured by recipients and collectors across the world. The design team has perfectly captured the origins and beauty of this magnificent cathedral, while also showcasing the specially-designed stamps and newly-minted medal,” said Sarah Matthews, design manager at Royal Mint.

Each medal cover is individually numbered as part of a limited edition of 15,000. The medal which has been struck by Royal Mint has been designed by talented engraver Robert Elderton; the front face shows Sir Christopher Wren with St Paul’s in the background and the reverse the carved phoenix image.

For additional information please contact:

**SIMON MCKAY**

*Telephone* 01353 741075

*Email* [simon@silkpearce.com](mailto:simon@silkpearce.com)

