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## **Bank of England To Celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee**

A unique exhibition of portraits of the Queen is to be shown at the Bank of England Museum in Bartholomew Lane, EC2.

For 42 years the Queen's portrait has appeared on Bank of England banknotes. "Royal Portrait, a Celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee" will focus on the Queen and the Bank and in particular on the 1960 £1 note which was the first to include the portrait of a reigning monarch.

As well as showing banknotes bearing her portrait, the exhibition will also display a £1,000 banknote signed by the Queen; coins and medals; photographs of royal visits to the Bank and the artwork for the original 1960 £1 note. For the duration of the exhibition there will also be demonstrations of hammered coinage on Wednesdays and figurative engraving on Thursdays.

The exhibition will open on Thursday 21 March with the final day on Thursday 27 June. The Museum and this special exhibition are open from Monday to Friday, 10am until 5pm. Entry to the Museum, and the exhibition, is free.

### **Note to Editors**

Preview: A preview of the exhibition will be held from 6pm - 8pm on Wednesday 20 March, at the Bank of England Museum (entrance in Bartholomew Lane). If you would like to attend please contact the Bank's Press Office on 020 7601 4411. For security reasons entrance is only on presentation of an invitation.

Photographs illustrating the exhibition are available at [www.newscast.co.uk](http://www.newscast.co.uk)