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**Form:** Circular. Proof with frosted designs.

**By:** Pagliari / Cape Mint / South African Historical Mint

**Date:** 1992

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0365;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
35.2 mm	Fine Silver	20.1 gm	\$25

**Edge:** Plain. Stamped "AG 999" and the hallmarks from the Cape Mint.

South Africa had been barred from participating in the Olympic Games since 1964 because of its apartheid policies.

**Obverse:** Hand holding the Olympic torch with the Parthenon on a hill behind. Signed: "PAGLIARI" at the bottom. Legend on a band: "SOUTH AFRICA RETURNS TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES". Crossed laurel sprigs below.

**Reverse:** Naked discus thrower after the Greek statue, the Discobolus of Myron Legend: "BARCELONA OLYMPIC GAMES 1992"

**Notes:** Comes inside a blue cardboard box with: "(coat of arms) / SOUTH AFRICAN / HISTORICAL MINT" on the outside of the box.