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Actual Size

Pictured above is the silver coin of the bronze sculpture "Mother of Humanity" (actual size) created by artist Nijel Binns.

Sculpture Minted as Silver Coin

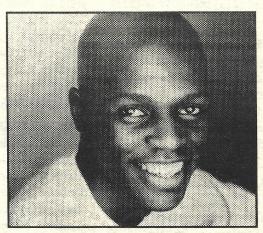
From L.A. Watts Times News Sources

The public persona of the 16foot, two-ton bronze sculpture "Mother of Humanity," created by local artist Nijel Binns, has widened.

Now, the artistic work, which was first unveiled May 11, 1996 in Watts at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, has been minted as a 5.5 cm sterling silver coin.

Created under the auspices of Nijart International by award-winning medallist Alex Shagin, the silver coin, which features the portrait of the Mother of Humanity on the face, and Nijart's Seal on the reverse, was minted in a limited edition. It retails currently for \$100.

Nijart is also planning the production of a Mother of Humanity figurine. His earlier works include a full figure miniature of pop music



Nijel Binns

legend Michael Jackson, the "Massai Princess" created for singer Stevie Wonder, and a wax portraiture of the late Challenger astronaut Ron McNair.

Binns has also created art stone busts of Dr, Martin Luther King, Jr., basketball superstar Michael Jordan, and international peace advocate and late Indian leader Gandhi.