

Table Medal in Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of VLKSM, 1958.

In bronze, measures 67.1 mm wide; weighs 146.3 g. The sculptured artwork is in very typical Socialist Realism style of the period. The obverse features a bas-relief portrait of Lenin on a billowing banner, laurels, and raised inscription "40th Anniversary of VLKSM". On the reverse is a depiction of patriotic Soviet youth with a slogan "The Party Leads Us Forward!" Dates "1918-1958" at the bottom frame the early-style Komsomol membership badge.

The model for the medal, struck at the Leningrad Mint in 1958, had been created by the highly esteemed die-cutter V.M. Akimushkina. It had a circulation of 7,077, not a particularly large number by Soviet standards. In all likelihood, it was intended for high-ranking Soviet officials and Komsomol apparatchiks who took part in the anniversary celebrations.

Excellent condition. The raised details are extremely crisp and essentially pristine, free of visible wear. Shows very attractive toning to the brass with just a couple of small blemishes at the edge on the reverse.

/Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 141/.

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