Table medal commemorating the 125th birth anniversary of Pelageya Strepetova, a great Russian actress of the 2nd half of the 19th century, issued in 1976.

In bronze, measures 60 mm wide, weighs 122 g. The artwork in high 3D relief is typical of table medals of the Soviet era. The obverse features a portrait of the jubilar in high 3D relief and the inscription along the rim that reads her first and last name "Pelageya Strepetova".
The wording on the reverse between the years of Strepetova's life reads "Russian Drama Actress 125th Birth Anniversary". The stage curtain to the right, very tastefully decorated at the bottom looks as if it has just opened, revealing the salutary inscription on the stage.

The model of the table medal, struck at the Moscow Mint in 1976, is the work of V.M. Nikishchenko. Unlike most table medals of this period, the sculptor's name and date of issue are not struck anywhere on the medal. Total circulation of this medal is only 800 pieces which is very low by Soviet standards.

In superb condition. The raised details are extremely crisp. The entire surface of the medal is completely free of any blemish or wear.

Pelageya Antipyevna Strepetova was born in Nizhniy Novgorod and was adopted by the family of a theater hairdresser who gave her her name. She did not receive any formal education. Even as a child, she performed on the stage of the theater whenever the play required a child actor. Theater remained her all-consuming passion throughout her life. She played parts in various genres but truly found herself as a tragic actress of nation-wide fame.

/See Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 1020/.

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