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Porcelain figurine of a girl in traditional Russian folk attire, made by Druzhkovka Factory for the 12th International Youth Festival in Moscow, 1985.

Stands 5" tall. The figurine was produced in commemoration of the XII World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow. The lettering "XII МОСКВА-85" is running in front along the hem of the dress. The headdress, the traditional Russian kokoshkik is in the form of the festival's logo, its rainbow colors symbolizing unity of diverse races and ethnicities, not what it stands for nowadays. Maker marked on the inside with the logo of the Druzhkovka Porcelain Factory. This iteration of the graphic of the logo was in use between 1974 and 2000 (#214 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al.). Druzhkovka is a very uncommon maker for this kind of product.

In very good to excellent condition. There are minute chips on top of the headdress and at the very bottom of the dress in front, as well as truly microscopic one under the left side of the bow ribbon holding her braid.

The World Festival of Youth and Students began in 1947, its main "stage" in Prague with 17,000 participants from 71 countries. This, the 12th festival, centered in Moscow, with 26,000 participants from 157 countries. It was the 2nd time Moscow hosted the event but the last for USSR. Throughout the years and all the iterations of this festival, its main underlying driving force is propaganda of socialism.

Druzhkovka Porcelain Factory is a relatively young enterprise. It was built in 1971 and was one of the largest industrial enterprises in Druzhkovka, Ukraine. In the post-Soviet period, it was privatized and continued to function profitably.

Please note that the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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