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Stalin, bust in cast iron with bronze paint coating, dated 1946.

Measures 10" (approx. 26 cm) tall, 6" wide across the shoulders; diameter of the plinth is 3 1/2" at the base. Massive for its size, weighing in at nearly 8 lbs. Produced by the famous Kasli Iron Works. The undercut in the back is marked "1946" and shows the name of the sculptor who had created the original artwork, "P(avel). Anikin." The year and the name are somewhat obscured by the layer of paint but are still quite legible.

This very impressive image is harking back to traditional portrayals of the heroes of antiquity or more recently, the well-known series of busts of Russian Emperors (even though the sculptor would categorically deny any of that). The Soviet leader is in dress uniform of Generalissimo with a full chest of decorations. Note however that unlike the later portraits, he is wearing only one Order of Victory and a single Hero Star. This late war image of Stalin is far less common than the far more familiar post-WW2 or pre-war depictions.

In very good to excellent condition. The only wear is in the form of an occasional scuff to the bronze coating, none of which are too obvious with the exception of the tip of Stalin's nose.

This bust is a rare survivor of the Khrushchev's "de-Stalinization" campaign of the late 50s. Its size is ideal for a display on a bookshelf or mantel; it can be an outstanding conversation piece and a superb focus point of a WW2 militaria collection. We have seen recent replicas of this bust that are currently manufactured in Russia. Those however lack the fine details and character of the originals.

Please note, the medal in our photo is for size reference.

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