



Medal of People's Performance Artist of Armenian SSR, circa 1980s.

Brass gilt, lacquer, "cold" enamels. The medallion measures 30.7 mm in height incl. eyelet, 26.1 mm in width; weighs 8.9 g not including the suspension and connecting link; overall weight with suspension is 13.3 g. The reverse of the medallion and suspension device show the raised logo of the Leningrad Mint. There is also the stamped "LMD" mint mark to the eyelet.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel and lacquer are perfect. The gilt finish is bright.

The title of People's Performance Artist of Armenian SSR was established in 1931, one of relatively few such titles that came up prior to WW2. The title was extremely hard to earn, and apparently only approximately 70 people ever achieved this honor before the breakup of the USSR and abolition of the award. In the hierarchy of levels of recognition, it was above the Distinguished Performance Artist of Armenian SSR and next only to the all-Union title of People's Performance Artist of the USSR. The medal first appeared much later than the title itself, apparently in the 1980s.

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