



## Russian February 1917 Revolution Jetton.

In brass, of less common shape (as opposed to the usual round jettons). Measures 34.7 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 25.6 mm in width; weighs 5.3 g without the connecting links. On the obverse is a female figure representing Russia holding a banner and shield with the date "1917". Along the top is a raised inscription "Freedom" with the last letter omitted, probably an inadvertent error on the side of the designer of the jetton.

The reverse quotes a famous verse by Russian poet Alexander Pushkin; the poem was addressed to a former member of Union of Salvation secret society, later known as Dekabristy or "The Decemberists" (for the December 1825 mutiny in St. Petersburg):

Dear friend, have faith: the wakeful skies Presage a dawn of wonder - Russia Shall from her age-old sleep arise, And despotism impatient crushing, Upon its ruins our names incise! (English translation is by I. Zheleznova).

In outstanding, excellent condition - extremely uncommon for a donation jetton of its period. The details of the artwork are perfect and exceptionally crisp. There are no visible dings or scratches. The gilt finish on the background is completely intact and bright. The connecting links are a recent addition.

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