

Commemorative Badge of the First Spartakiada (Sports Tournament) of the Nations of the USSR, 1956.

Silver-plated brass, enamels; measures 20.8 mm in height, 20.5 mm in width. Raised mint mark "MMD" to the reverse. A peculiarity of the artwork of this badge is a very "Germanic" (Arian?) features of the male and female athletes - one could almost suspect that they came off of a WW2 Nazi propaganda poster or badge! This was undoubtedly spotted and reported to the powers that be, so the badges of the later spartakiadas, although otherwise similar in design, have far more "Russian-looking" athletes. Another curiosity is the tiny hammer and sickle emblem perched on the breast of the girl - not to be found on the later issues.

Extremely well-made piece in excellent condition.

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

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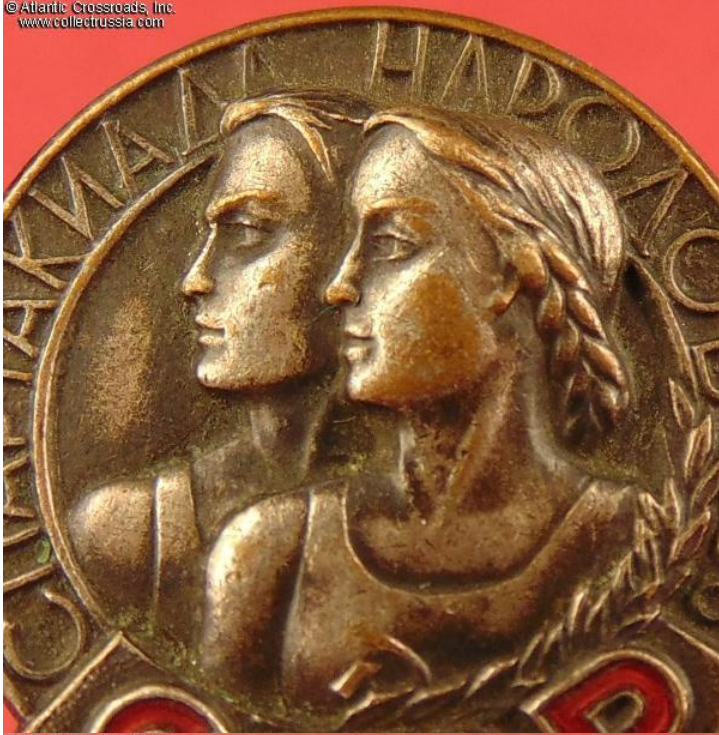
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