

Table Medal in Commemoration of the Exhibition of Achievements of the National Economy of the USSR (VDNkh), 1982 (1991).

In bronze, measures 55.0 mm wide. On the obverse, there is a banner with bas-relief of Lenin and the Central Pavilion of the exhibition with its landmark Stalinist spire. The inscription on the reverse is "For Good Memory of the VDNKh of the USSR". The artwork is very reminiscent of the much earlier, 1940s-50s era - possibly indicative of the early 1980's change of political winds in Kremlin and the ongoing tilt towards the ideologically rigid and bellicose past.

Excellent condition. The raised details are extremely crisp and free of noticeable wear. Very attractive even toning to the brass on both sides.

The model for this 1982 medal was created by A.A. Korolyuk. Originally, only 600 pieces were struck at the Moscow Mint, but the medal was apparently in such a high demand that an additional 2500 pc were minted in 1991. Both issues were apparently identical, so the specimen offered here may be from either 1982 or 1991.

The exact purpose of this medal is unknown, but in all likelihood, it was intended for high-ranking Soviet and foreign officials visiting the exhibition - much along the same lines as the badges issued to "VIP" visitors of Soviet showcase military units or space program landmarks.

/See Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 1409/. Please note, penny in our photo is for size reference.

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A large, circular, gold-colored medallion featuring a profile portrait of a man, likely a historical figure, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The medallion is set against a red background.

A circular bronze medallion with a hammer and sickle emblem in the center. The Cyrillic letters 'О В Д Х С С С Р' are arranged around the perimeter, representing the word 'СОВЕТСКИЙ' (Soviet).

A large, circular, bronze-colored medallion featuring a profile portrait of Vladimir Lenin. The medallion is inscribed with "ВЫСТАВКА СОЮЗНЫХ НАРОДОВ" (Exhibition of the Peoples of the Union) at the top and "СССР" (USSR) at the bottom. The portrait is set against a background of a building and a banner.

