

Sergei Yesenin (1895 - 1925) large nearly 7" tall bust in glazed Porcelain, circa 1960s.

Excellent artistic rendition of the likeness of one of the most famous Russian lyrical poets. The bottom shows the trademark of Leningrad Porcelain Factory (ЛФЗ) (fig. # 489 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). The red color and letters B/C indicate that this is a top-quality product. This particular version of the trademark was in use throughout 1960s. Weight: approx. 1 lb.

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The sculptor captured the very lyrical soul of Yesenin. The wide-open collar of his shirt, the sad expression of the eyes, everything creates an image of a man ruled by emotions rather than cold logic.

Yesenin suffered from a mental disorder, was prone to sudden mood swings, paranoid ideation, hallucinations, bursts of anger, - all of it exacerbated by alcoholism. And yet, he was the darling of the contemporary Russian intelligentsia for his brilliant poetry which first and foremost reflected his biggest love: love of Russia.

Speaking of love, Yesenin was married five times, among them to the famous American dancer Isadora Duncan. His last marriage was to Sofia Andreevna Tolstaya, granddaughter of Leo Tolstoy. It was not a happy marriage for her.

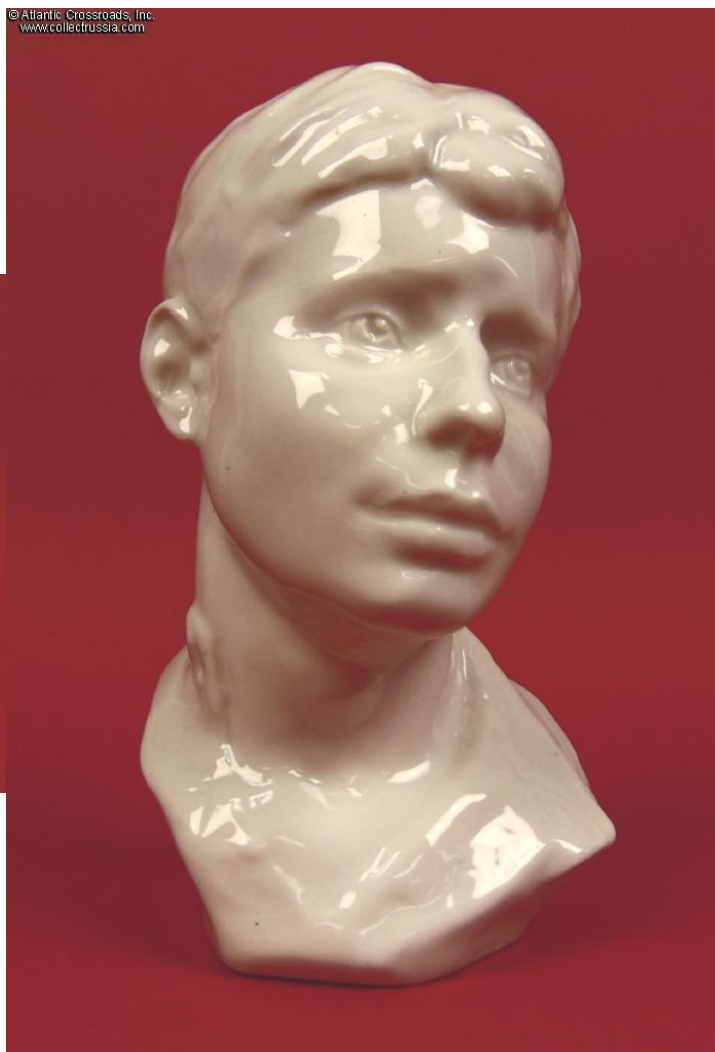
Yesenin's last poem "The Black Man" was written in his own blood. He showed the cuts on his arms to his friend to whom he gave the original of the poem, saying "They don't even have ink in this bloody hotel".

Yesenin's last but not the first attempt at suicide was successful. He hung himself on a pipe in his room in the Angeleterre Hotel in Leningrad (originally and currently St. Petersburg).

Mint condition. There's barely any age wear on the bottom of the bust. Other than that - it is without blemish.

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