

## Table medal commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Aleksey Korzukhin, Russian artist, issued in 1988.

In bronze, measures 59.9 mm wide, weighs 139 g. The artwork in high 3D relief is typical of table medals of the Soviet era. The obverse features a portrait of the artist, and the inscription around the rim reads "Artist A.I. Korzukhin 1835-1894".

The reverse features an easel, partially draped but on the right side revealing part of a painting, presumably by this artist.

The model of the table medal, struck at the Leningrad Mint in 1988, is the work of N.A. Posyado. Total circulation of this medal is unknown but, due to the absence of any political value of this anniversary, it is probably safe to presume that the circulation was somewhat low.

In superb condition. The raised details are extremely crisp. The entire surface of the medal is completely free of any blemish or wear.

The partial painting on the reverse is indeed a picture by Korzukhin. It is titled "Birds' Enemies" and was painted by Aleksey Ivanovich Korzukhin in 1887. It is permanently exhibited in the State Russian Museum, St. Petersburg.

Son of a Siberian serf, Korzukhin's talent revealed itself very early. In the 1840s he was already painting icons for the local church and portraits of his family members. His main focus became character portraits and scenes of everyday life. In 1858 he was accepted to the Imperial Academy of Arts which, 10 years later, awarded him the title of Academician. He also continued to paint icons and interiors of many churches. The list of his achievements is too long, but if you look at his paintings which breathe life itself, we are fairly sure you will want to become more familiar with Korzukhin's artistic legacy and enjoy this table medal as a fine conversational piece.

/See Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 1809/.

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

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