

Table medal commemorating life, talent and the 100th birth anniversary of Alexander Goldenweiser, Russian and Soviet composer and pianist, issued in 1975.

In bronze, measures 60.1 mm wide, weighs 108 g. The artwork in high 3D relief is typical of table medals of the Soviet era. Unlike many other commemorative table medals, the obverse of this one features not a portrait of the jubilar but rather, the tool of his artistic inspiration, a grand piano, and the inscription around the rim that reads "Alexander Goldenweiser 1875-1961".

The reverse features a profile portrait of the composer in 3D high relief. The sculptor caught a moment of complete and utter concentration, immersion in music as Goldenweiser is, presumably, performing at the piano.

The model of the table medal, struck at the Leningrad Mint in 1975, is the work of I.S. Komshilov. Total circulation of this medal is only 1000 pieces which is very low by Soviet standards.

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

Aleksandr Borisovich Goldenweiser (or Goldenveyzer, Russian: Александр Борисович Гольденвейзер) was born in Kishinev, then part of the Russian empire, currently Moldova. In 1889 he was admitted to the most prestigious Moscow Conservatory to study piano and composition. He graduated from the conservatory in 1895, winning the Gold Medal for Piano. He joined the faculty of the conservatory shortly, and during his tenure there honed the talent of many a famous piano performers. He also performed live and made numerous renowned recordings. He died in 1961 not far from Moscow.

/See Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 949/.

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