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Petya Bachey, glazed porcelain figurine by Gorodnitsa Porcelain Factory, 1957-1960.

Rather large, stands almost 10" tall, the plinth is approx. 5 ¼" x 4 ½". Weighs close to 2 lbs. Porcelain, glaze, polychrome paints, gilt. The model was made by B. Matskevich and E. Rudich. The statuette was in production from 1957 to 1960. Petya Bachey is the name of a character from a popular 1936 Soviet novella by Valentin Katayev, *Beleet Parus Odinokey* ("Белеет Парус Одинокий"). The title is the first line of a famous poem by M. Lermontov and means "there sails a lonely white boat". A young boy sits on a rock looking out at the sea, mesmerized and lured by its majesty and mystery.

The statuette's listing can be found on p. 290 of *Soviet Porcelain 1917 - 1991: Illustrated Catalog with Manufacturer Marks and Prices* by I. Pelinskiy and M. Safonova (see our last photo). Note that the price tag "From \$170" is for the Russian market as of the year of the catalog's publication, 2012-13. The statuette is maker marked in red indicating top quality rating. This iteration of the trademark was in use from mid-1950s to 1962 (#148 in Volume One of *Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991* by Nasonova et al.).

In excellent condition. The gilt on the boy's hat has rubbed off in a couple of spots but most of it is intact. There are a few microscopic contact points looking as dark dots, mostly on the plinth, and a small crack in the porcelain on the inside, shallow and far from reaching the outer surface. All these items of detriment have been acquired during production. There is no visible post-production damage of any kind.

Gorodnitsa Porcelain Factory was founded in 1807 in the village of this name in Ukraine. Its first product lines were mostly household faience items. After WW2, the factory acquires new master sculptors. They develop models in various "themes", such as happy childhood, fairy tale characters, animals, busts of famous people of arts and music, as well as political leaders. In mid-1960s Gorodnitsa was one of the largest producers of artistic porcelain in the USSR, won several prizes at international fairs. Unfortunately, it all ended in 2012 when the factory announced bankruptcy and was closed.

Please note that the pen in our photo is for size reference only.

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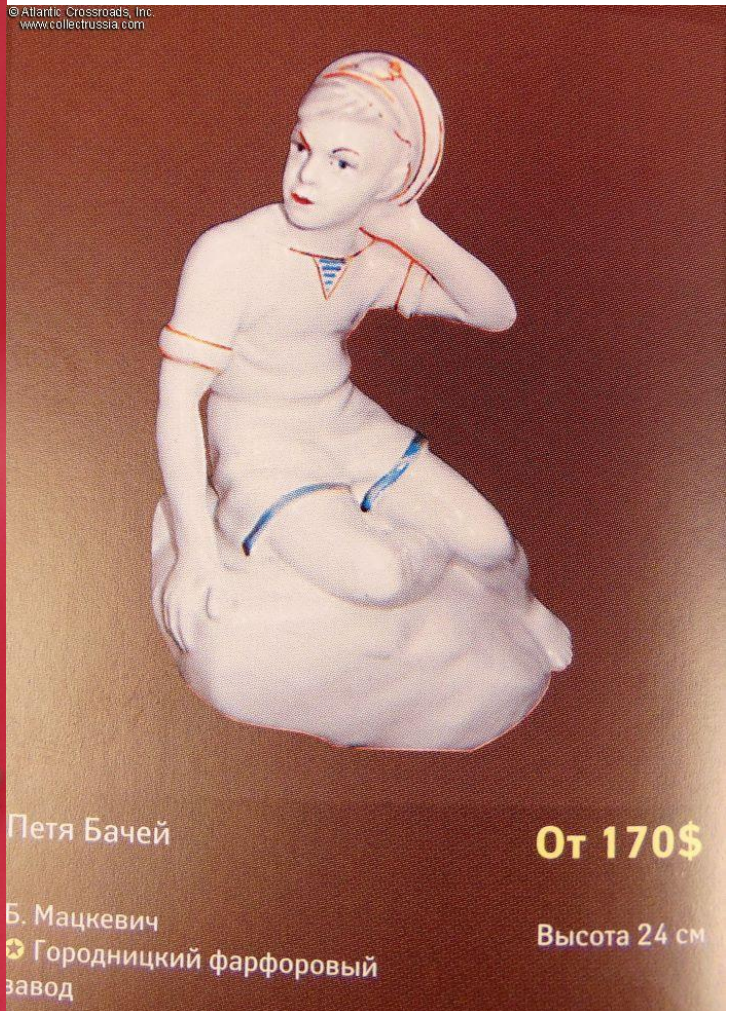
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