

The Magical World of Porcelain, from the collection of the National Museum of Tatarstan, 2003.

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The National Museum of Tatarstan in the city of Kazan received the core of this collection from the family of the Russian scientist and researcher Andrey Likhachev (1832-1890), a renowned historian, ethnographer, archeologist and numismatist.

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