

Stalin's Portrait, Lithograph on Steel by Isaak Brodskiy, Artist Signed, circa early 1930s.

On a sheet of steel, measuring approx. 6 1/2" x 9". The surface features a gray-colored protective finish on the verso, and a light-colored finish on the obverse on which the lithograph is imprinted. Manufactured by the Vocational-Manufacturing Industrial Enterprise at the Leningrad Printing House. The steel sheet was supplied by the МЕТАЛЛОМЕТР Factory of the NKMP (Russian abbreviation for People's Commissariat of Metallurgical Industry). Only 10,000 copies were ever made, a tiny number by the Soviet standards. The artist's handwritten signature is in the lower right-hand corner of the image.

In good to very good condition. Moderate soiling, mostly on the left side of the lithograph, is evident but barely reaching the artwork. A few tiny spots of oxidation can be noticed in Stalin's hair above his left temple, but only when tilting the lithograph to reflect a bright light. The verso is clean, the protective coating is undamaged.

Isaak Brodskiy (Исаак Израилевич Бродский, 1884 - 1939) was a prominent Russian and Soviet painter, master of graphic arts, educator and organizer of art education, one of the main representatives of Socialist Realism and creator of a large number of portraits of Soviet leaders, mainly Lenin and Stalin but also paintings with Soviet propaganda plots which Brodskiy produced in large numbers and sold.

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