

**Ukrainian Artist's Hand Painted Prototype for Mass Production of a Propaganda Poster, artist signed, 1952.**

In gouache on thick paper, measures 33" x 12". The artist's name and initial, K. Ivashina, are inscribed on the lower margin, in purple ink. The prototype was made for the Ukrainian branch of the "Art" Publishing House, and signed for production on 6 February, 1952, as written on the bottom margin and on the approval stamp on the verso.

The wording of the poster, in Ukrainian, reads "Workers of agriculture! Honorably fulfill your commitments to Comrade Stalin!"

The obverse has multiple editor's marks in pencil stating the final measurements of the poster and how much and where needs to be cut to achieve them. The verso has the order number on the right (Зак 137) and the stamp of approval for publication at the center, dated 6 February 1952.

The item is in good condition despite the intrusive warps, tears, corner and edge bumps, pencil markings and paint stains. All this is to be expected in a working prototype. The gouache paint shows moderate craquelure. The item must have been stored rolled for a long period of time, and returns to this position with a vengeance due to the thickness of paper. However, with due patience, time, and a little additional humidity, it has a good chance of returning to its original flat form, if that is desired.

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

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**\$450.00**





