

Lot of 2 Hand-Painted Porcelain Saucers, by Baranovka Factory, maker marked, 1973-early 90s.

The saucers are rather large at 7 1/2" wide and 1 1/4" tall. The bowl is decorated with a hand-painted floral design in rather unexpected but tasteful gray tones, accented with gilt. Maker marked at the bottom (fig. # 47 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). The red color of the mark signifies top quality rating by the factory's QC. The Sign of Quality above it means that this particular item was awarded special recognition for its quality. Usually, the Sign of Quality was awarded for 2-3 years, after which the manufacturer had to re-apply for this status.

One of the saucers is in superb condition, no wear visible to the naked eye. The other is in very good to excellent condition, showing minor scratches and scuffs to the red background of the bowl. Some of the faint darkened areas of the red background appear to be linked with scuffs to the surface. The gilt on both saucers is intact and retains its original golden luster.

Baranovka Porcelain Factory was founded in 1802 when brothers Mezer purchased a plot of land on the outskirts of the town of Baranovka, (currently in Zhitomir Region) with the purpose of building a porcelain manufacturing facility. After 1917, the factory was nationalized and grew considerably in the volume and assortment of manufactured items, focusing mostly on utilitarian household items such as plates, cups, etc., but also produced decorative and presentation items such as figurines, wall plates, etc.

In post-Soviet times, the factory was purchased by a Czech company. Following supply problems caused accruing a lot of debt leading to the bankruptcy and closure of the factory in 2013.

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

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