Souvenir Buildings: Palace of the Soviets

The souvenir model of architect Boris Mikhalovich Iofan’s (1891-1976) winning design for the 1931-1933 Dvorets Sovetov (Palace of the Soviets, Moscow) competition is one example of many such souvenir models in the CCA Collection. While the project to build an administrative centre and congress hall in Moscow was never realized beyond the basic foundation, Iofan’s concept for a “skyscraper” Lenin memorial was commemorated in this 1997 model by Boym Design Studio as part of their “Missing Monuments” series.

This model is one of approximately 1,000 donated to the CCA by collector Barry Hoffman. Other miniatures can be found by entering the keywords “souvenir models” or “Hoffman Collection” in the Library Catalogue.