

**SA1218743**

Erie Canal completion white  
metal medal by Sir Edward  
Thomason, c.1826

Price

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**Item Reference: SA1218743**

**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

## Description

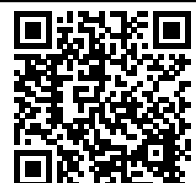
An important early nineteenth-century commemorative medal issued by Sir Edward Thomason of Birmingham to celebrate the completion of the Erie Canal. Struck in white metal, this large example reflects the quality and ambition of the Birmingham medal industry during the Regency period. The Erie Canal transformed commerce within the United States and helped establish New York as the country's principal commercial centre. The medal features Neptune and Pan on the obverse and the arms of New York State on the reverse above a canal scene. The design originated in the United States shortly after the completion of the Erie Canal and was engraved by Charles Cushing Wright. Thomason subsequently adopted the design and re-created it in a monumental 81 mm format. Its scale, historical importance and survival in excellent condition make it especially desirable today. Large white-metal examples are significantly scarcer than many later commemorative issues and remain highly sought after by collectors of historical medals and early American history. Measurements Diameter: 8.12 cm / 3.20" Weight: 165 g Condition Excellent antique condition. The details remain sharp and well preserve...

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