

# The monument to Peter I



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# Etienne Falconet

## (1716-1791)

- ▣ The author of the monument is the great French sculptor Etienne Falconet.
- ▣ He was born in Paris in 1716.
- ▣ At the age of 50 he arrived Russia and started to work on the monument.



Etienne Falconet's pupil,  
created the head of the  
rider.

## Marie Ann Collot



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[http://www.spb-guide.ru/foto\\_4277.htm](http://www.spb-guide.ru/foto_4277.htm)

She took a portrait by B.C.  
Rastrelli as an example.



[http://www.peoples.ru/art/sculpture/marie\\_ann\\_collot/](http://www.peoples.ru/art/sculpture/marie_ann_collot/)

One of the generals posed for the sculptor.

Peter the Great



<http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9F%D1%91%D1%82%D1%80> |

Melissino Alexey Petrovich



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The Russian sculptor Feodor Gordeyev moulded the snake.

The granite block for the pedestal was found in the village of Lahta.



Lake on-site extraction of Thunder Stone



Chopped valun. Suppositional splinter of Thunder-stone

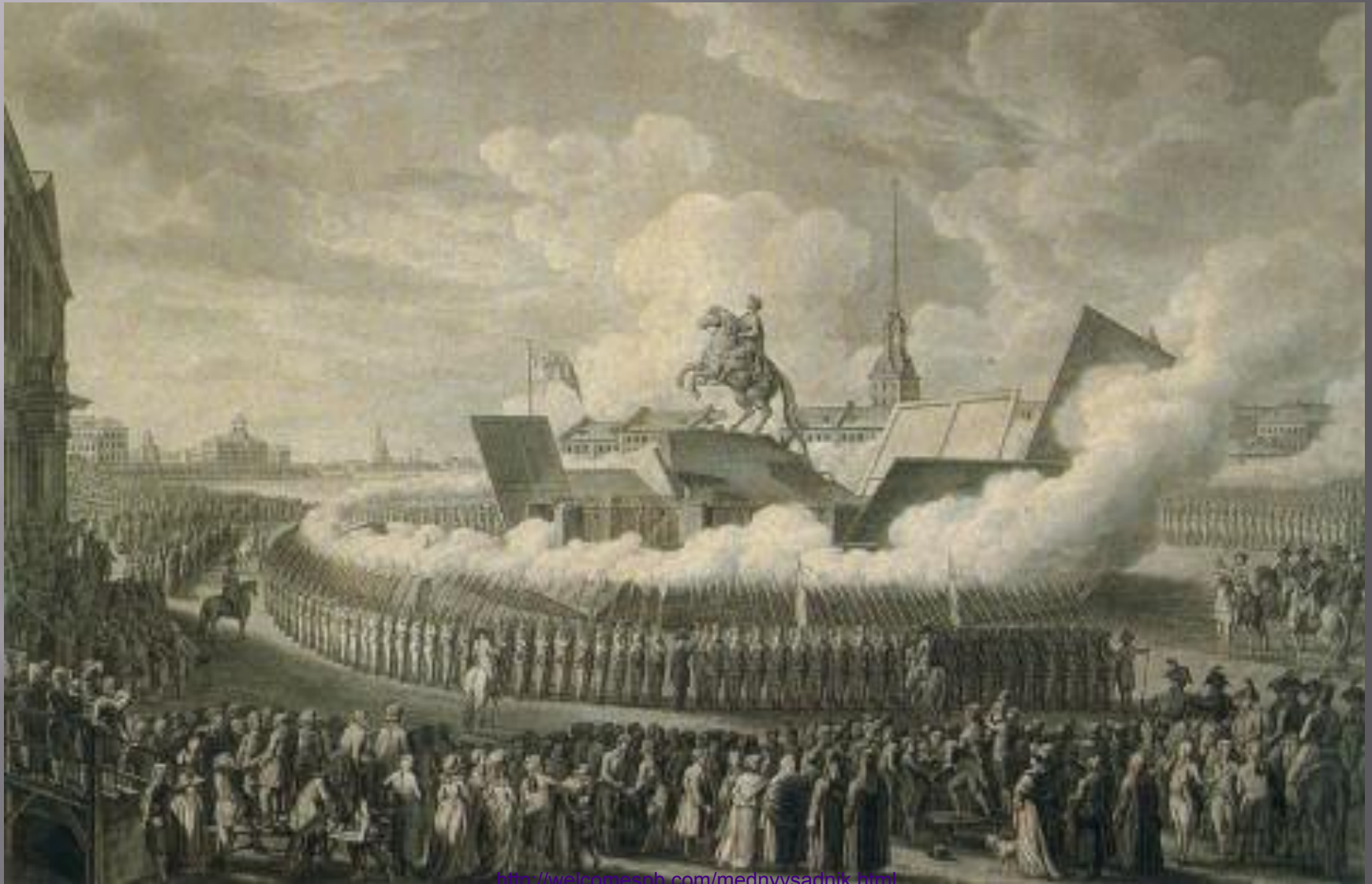
An unknown Russian blacksmith found a brilliant solution of delivering the stone.



<http://welcomespb.com/mednyvsadnik.html>

# Thunder Stone

# The inauguration of the monument (1782)





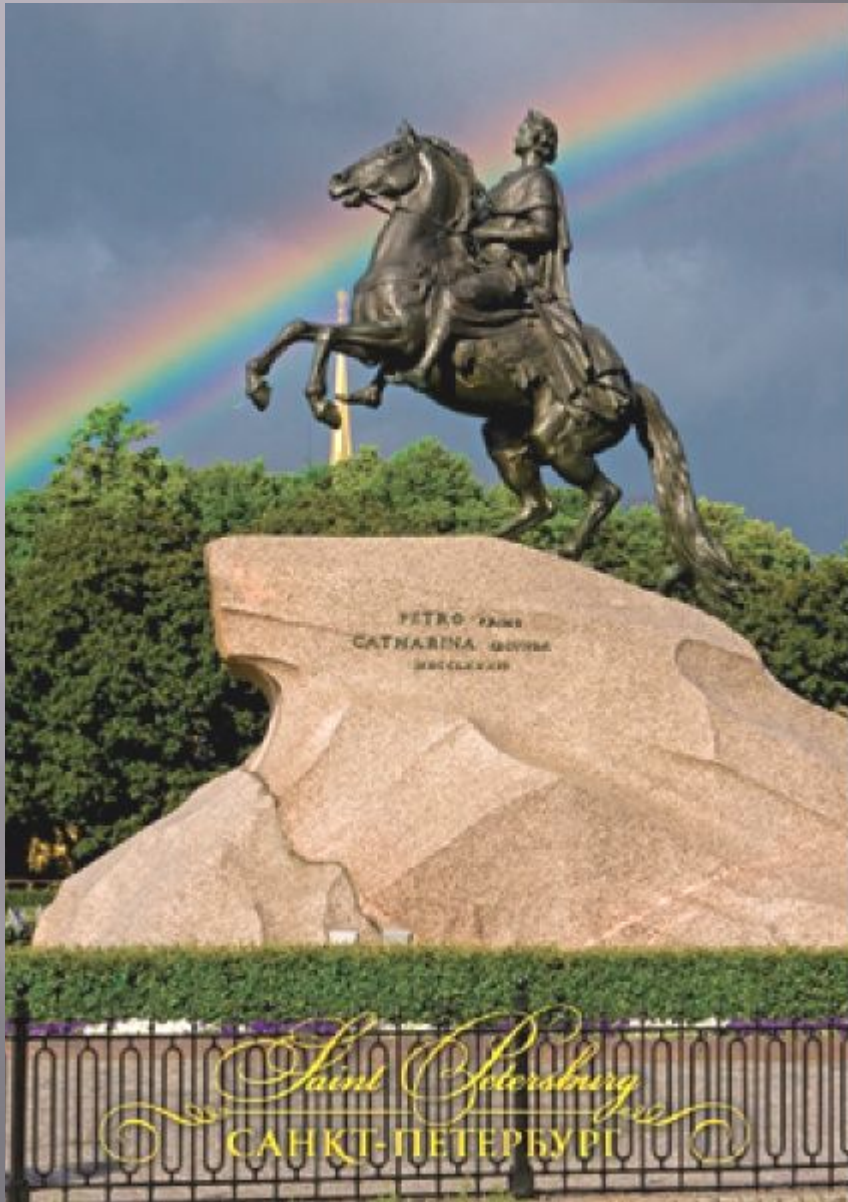


# The monument during the WAR

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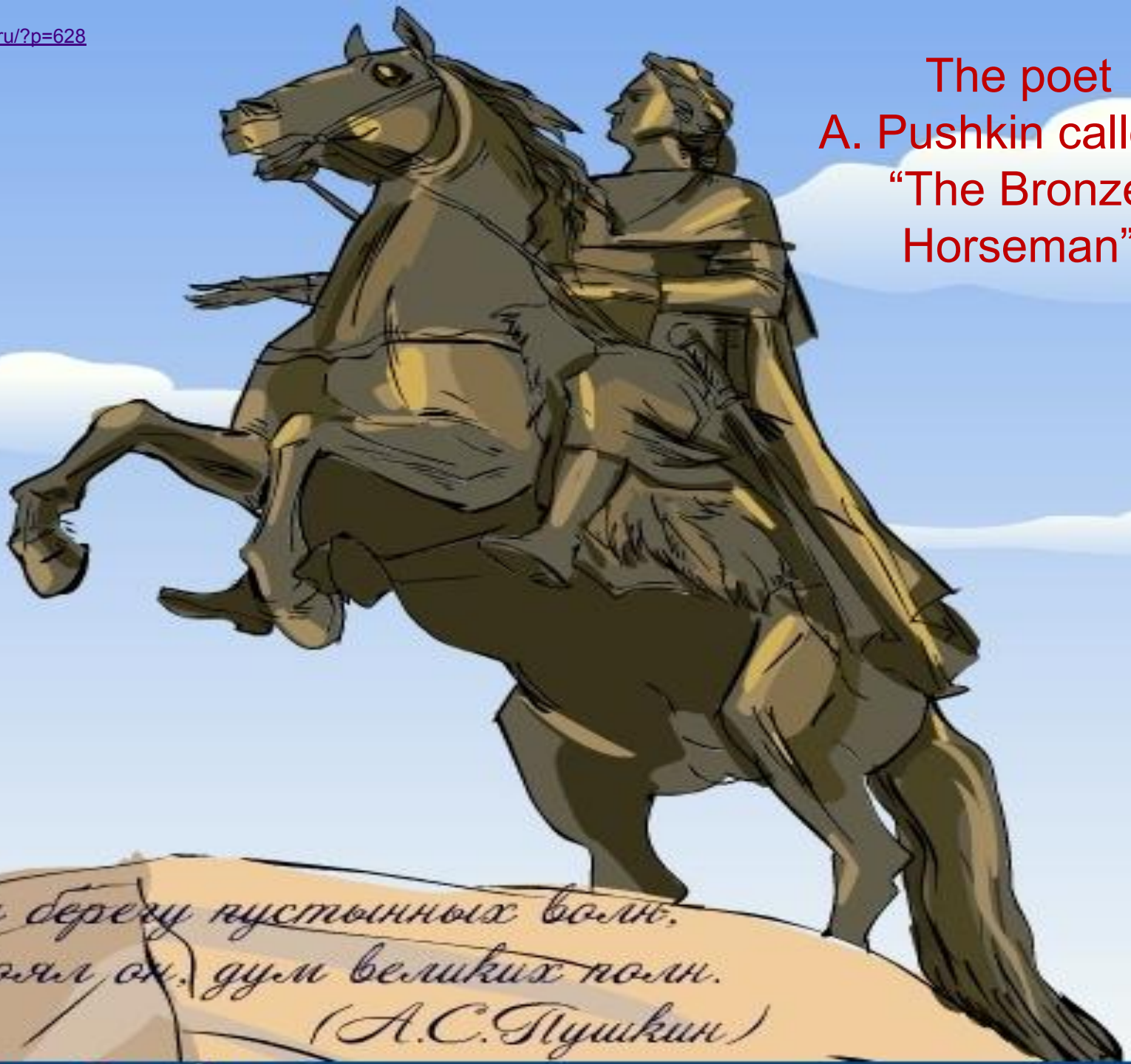
August , 1941



On both sides of the pedestal the inscription in Russian and in Latin are laid with superposed bronze letters:

“To Peter the First – Catherine the Second. The year 1782”

The poet  
A. Pushkin called it  
“The Bronze  
Horseman”



*На берегу пустынных волн,  
Стоял он, дум великих полн.  
(А.С.Пушкин)*

### **Fill in the correct item:**

1. One of the generals ..... for sculptor.
2. It ..... about 2 years to transport the rock to the city.
3. Falconet ..... the movements and the poses of the rearing horses.
4. The author of the monument ..... the great French sculptor Etienne Falconet.

### **Fill in the correct verb for each blank:**

1. The Russian sculptor Fyodor Gordeev ..... snake.
2. An unknown Russian blacksmith ..... a brilliant solution.
3. The poet Alexander Pushkin ..... the monument to Peter I "The Bronze Horseman" .
4. The best horses in the royal stables ..... at the disposal of the sculptor.
5. The granite block for the pedestal ..... in the village of Lakhta.

### **Pur in the missing words according to the text:**

1. The Russian sculptor ..... moulded the snake.
2. It was very difficult to deliver the 1,600-ton ..... to St. Petersburg.
3. Falconet worked on his ..... intensively and selflessly.

### **Make up sentences from the words:**

1. worked, Etienne Falconet, 12 years, at the monument, for.
2. of the rider, Marie Collot, the head, created, Falconet's pupil.
3. to raise, by levers, blacksmith, an unknown, the rock, Russian, proposed.
4. in 1782, the monument, to Peter I, inaugurated, was.



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