



Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed baseball

Date

2019

Primary Maker

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Medium

Leather; Cork; Ink

Description

An official Rawlings Major League baseball (Manfred), signed by Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Zelenskyy's signature is on a side panel in black felt tip in Ukrainian cursive and English print, "Zelenskyy." Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed this baseball on visit to New York in September 2019. A former actor, Volodymyr Zelenskyy won Ukraine's 2019 presidential election in a fairy tale fashion. Zelenskyy had previously portrayed a teacher, who unexpectedly becomes president on the Ukrainian television program *Servant of the People*. As the actual president of Ukraine, Zelenskyy mirrored his character's arc, fighting corruption and serving as an political outsider. During Zelenskyy's presidency, a protracted war with Russia expanded to a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Zelenskyy's courageous response earned him the *Time* Person of the Year honor in 2022.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 in. dia. (7.6 cm)