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Archangel Gabriel

Russia (Karelia), 17th century
80 × 42 cm

This icon depicts the Archangel Gabriel. Gabriel wears the clothing of an attendant at the Byzantine court: a tunic with a mantle over it and a ribbon in his hair. The icon originates from Karelia, a region in the Russian North where icon painting developed under the influence of Novgorod. The powerful contours and distinctive palette of ochre, orange-red and black give this icon a sober and expressive character. The large, narrow panel originally formed part of an iconostasis, the wall separating the sanctuary from the rest of the church.