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Club-A-Rama Week 45:

KENNEDY BUST

1962



The small John F. **KENNEDY BUST** is, according to its numbering of 1005, the first mold made after those for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. (The Seattle ELECTRIC PAVILION, currently in operation at the Seattle Pacific Center, is numbered 1004.) It was certainly made during his presidency, and long before his assassination.

This is the small **KENNEDY BUST**. A larger KENNEDY BUST was made in concert with the wave of president busts made in anticipation of use at the 1964 "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" show at the Illinois Pavilion. Even though that show, originally planned to have animatrons of ALL presidents, was ultimately cut back to being a show about Lincoln only, I have confirmation from one seasoned collector (and member of the Club-A-Rama) that the large KENNEDY BUST was in fact vended at the 1964 New York World's Fair. The small KENNEDY BUST? your guess is as good as mine.



For comparison reasons, above is the large bust of JFK made in 1964. By the way, the small KENNEDY BUST glows blue (of course!)

This is a vintage LARGE bust of JFK, from 1964. The MOLDVILLE reissued bust of JFK is the SMALL one made two years earlier, in 1962.





One of the very earliest moldsets made after those made for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, the small **KENNEDY BUST** is numbered 1005.

By the way, one of the 'markers' that helps me associate dates with numbered moldsets is the fact that several large KENNEDY BUST moldsets exist; some have his presidency factory-engraved as "1961-" and others as "1961-1963". Obviously the large KENNEDY BUST moldset (numbered 1105) was in production on or around November 22, 1963.

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