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Plan de Paris

Stock#: 70637
Map Maker: Karasz
Date: 1927
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: Good
Size: 36 x 27.5 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

Finely illustrated pictorial map of Paris, drawn by Ilonka Karasz and published by the Washington Square Book Shop, 27 West 8th Avenue, New York City.

Rumsey (8091) notes:

Karasz's design and the vivid color printing used for this map of Paris are especially unusual and striking. All of the principal avenues of the City are clearly depicted and appear heightened with gold color finish that enhances the sense of decorative "old style" luxuriance that pervades the whole composition.

Title cartouche includes two winged cherubs holding a banner title top center while a pair of red curtains are drawn back to reveal a detailed plan of the City of Paris.

Map extending from Montmartre in the North to Chatillon, Bvd Jourdan and the vestiges of the southern City walls in the south, to Nanterre and Courbevoie in the West and Vincennes in the East, All of the major parks and gardens of the City and its immediate environs are equally attractively delineated with their trees and principal features. Shows historic sites and buildings in detailed three dimensional vignettes.

A roundel inset lower left shows Marie Antoinette as a bucolic shepherdess beside a fine view of the gardens and facade of the Chateau of Versailles, and compass rose on the lower right. Index panels to the left and right sides of the map as well as the bottom denote the principal monuments,



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museums, churches, and sites of historic interest, as well as shops, bookshops, art galleries, banks, bars and restaurants. The lower border of panels showing historical scenes.

A dissected example sold at Swann Auctions in December 2019 for over \$1,000.

Karasz made a variation on this map of Paris, also in 1927, titled *Treasures of fashion*.

Detailed Condition:

Wear at old folds and in a few places at the edges.