



Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

[Untitled Map of the World -- 1486 Ulm Ptolemy World Map]

Stock#: 8154
Map Maker: Ptolemy / Holle
Date: 1482 (1486)
Place: Ulm
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Ulm Ptolemy map of the World is one of the most sought after and recognized of all world maps.

The map is the first map of the World printed North of the Alps and the first to appear in color which was applied by the publisher. It is also the earliest world map signed by its engraver, Johanne Schnitzer. While Ptolemaic in construction, the map includes information in Scandinavia, based upon Caudius Clavius's map of 1427.

The map follows the manuscript map of Donnus Nicolaus Germanus, issued in the prior decades. The Ulm Ptolemy was originally published in 1482 by Leinhart Holle. However, Holle went Bankrupt shortly after the original publication and the work was taken over by Johann Reger, who issued an addition in 1486. The two editions can generally be distinguished by the coloring used for the seas--the 1482 employing a blue, while the 1486 uses a golden brown. While the map does reflect some modern updates, the Portugese discoveries in Africa are omitted and the map retains a closed Indian Ocean, with a land bridge or unknown Southern Continent connecting Asia and Africa. Twelve windheads ring the map, each of which is named.

Detailed Condition:

The map is in very good condition overall. The map was trimmed into the printed image (less than 1/4 inch) on the left side and along the bottom, with the lost image professionally restored and margins added. There is a bit of weakness along the centerfol