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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Geographica Ac Hydrographica Tabula. A Pet. Kaerio

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Map Maker: Jansson / van den Keere

Date: 1608

Place: Amsterdam Colored Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 21 x 15.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare example of Van Den Keere's decorative map of the World, first issued in 1608. One of the supreme examples of the mapmaker's art. The map is a skillful copy of Blaeu's single page map of 1608, with very minor changes to the cartouches and decorative embellishments. While a direct copy, the engraving work is as good or better than the original, and significantly rarer. Van Den Keere also adds additional annotations, not on the Blaeu map. The decorative figures include Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The side panels show the four elements and the four seasons. At the bottom are the seven wonders of the world. The map was originally issued by Van Den Keere and dated 1608. The Le Maire Straits were added in 1621. Thereafter, the plate was sold to Jan Jansson, who used it in a few rare early editions of his atlas. All editions are quite rare. The map incorporates some of the classic early 17th Century cartographic misconceptions, including the elongated NW Coast of America, massive southern hemisphere with narrow strait between it and South America, incomplete New Guinea attached to large southern continent, etc. A nice old color example, which has been reinforced on the verso to support thinness in the paper and some restorations within the image. In all, a highly decorative example of this sought after map. Shirley 264.

Detailed Condition: