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Americae Retectio

Stock#: 18024EG
Map Maker: Stradanus
Date: 1592
Place: Antwerp
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Famous 16th Century allegorical scene comemorating the discovery of America, from an original drawing by Johannes Stradanus, a Flemish artist living in Italy and engraved by Adrian Collaert for Galle's *Americae Retectio* in 1585. The image was also re-issued in 1592 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World.

The map shows the coastline from Livorno to Savona. The main image shows Neptune, supporting a Globe, flanked by Flora-representing Florence, and Janus-representing Genoa. The coat of arms of each city is depicted just beyond each of these figures. Flora is shown holding back a draped curtain, thus revealing the western hemisphere which was previously hidden behind behind this cloak of obscurity. Medallion portraits of Vespucci and Columbus appear above this scene, and Magellan is alluded to by the indication of Magellanica on the globe. Portraits of Columbus and Vespucci are shown above. The globe shows the world on an inverse projection, with America on the right. The entirety of South America, the Caribbean, Central America and the Eastern Part of North America can be seen, extending to the southern tip of Greenland.

Detailed Condition:

Very minor foxing. One repair: spot filled in lower left corner with minor discoloration.