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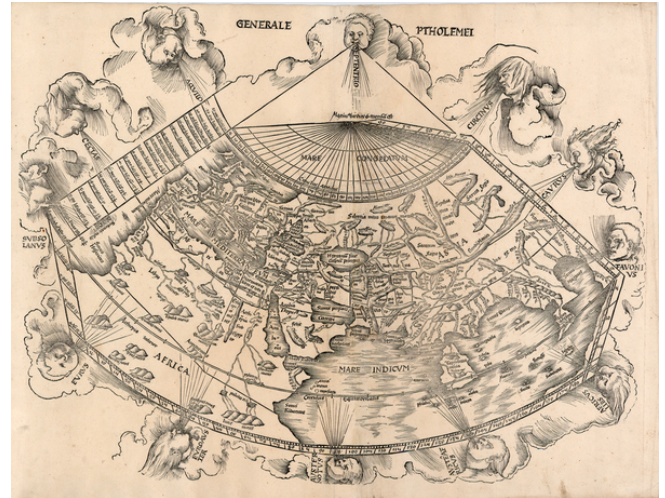
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Stock#: 18708
Map Maker: Waldseemüller
Date: 1513
Place: Strasbourg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 24.25 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Waldseemüller's Ptolemaic map, from the 1513 Strasbourg edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia*. Rodney Shirley refers to the map as, "one of the most attractive Ptolemaic maps ever produced."

The Strasbourg edition is widely considered the most important edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia*. This edition included two world maps, one modern map and this spectacular map of the world as known to Ptolemy, incorporating 8 windheads and other remarkable decorative embellishments. Depicted in the traditional modified conical projection, the map is the first attempt since the Ulm edition of 1482 and 1486 to provide such rich bold embellishments.

The basic cartography of the map follows Ptolemy, although Waldseemüller does open up the Indian Ocean in the East and also eliminates the land to the south of the Indian Ocean which appeared in earlier maps. A very early use of markings of longitude and latitude, along with notes on the Climates in the left margin beyond the map. A nice example of this increasingly rare world map.

Detailed Condition:

A bit of soiling and evidence of old misfold near right edge, but generally a nice example.