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Stereographischer Entwurf Des Gestirnten Himmel vom Nord pol . . . Hernn I Bode . . .

Stock#: 20330
Map Maker: Schraembl
Date: 1787
Place: Vienna
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Large and highly detailed dpeiction of the Northern Celestial Hemisphere, from central North equatorial pole to 38th degree South, based upon Johann Elert Bode's map dated 1787

Bode's chart illustrates the constellations in figures according to classical mythology, as well as 18th-century additions created by Abbé Nicolas Louis de Lacaille such as The Sculptor's Workshop and The Pneumatic Pump, which was derived from a recent invention by Robert Boyle.

German astronomer Johann Elert Bode was the astronomer of the Academy of Science in Berlin and director of the Berlin Observatory. Uranographia was his most noted contribution to astronomy, contained 18 celestial maps of constellations, stars, and nebulae. Over 17,000 stars (12,000 more than had appeared in earlier charts), 2,500 nebulae (which had been catalogued in the late 1700s by William Herschel), and the constellations delineated over the past three centuries were depicted with attention to accuracy. He also included original constellation designs based on scientific instruments, including a tribute to Herschel called Herschel's Telescope, as well as reinterpretations of the traditional constellations that diverged from conventional depictions.

After Bode, major celestial atlases became less artistic and more utilitarian, dispensing with pictorial



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representations of constellation figures and replacing them with lines that defined their boundaries. Bode is also known for devising a formula to express the relative distances of the planets in our solar system from the sun, which is known as Bode's Law.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration in corners