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Stock#: 25888
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1648
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 28 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking panoramic view of early 17th-century Paris, providing a fine contemporary visual record by one of the great engravers of his time.

Paris is shown as seen from present day Parc des Buttes-Chaumont, looking towards the south west, over the Hospitale de S.Louis, to the vast but now long-vanished fortifications of Etienne Marcel, across the city, Notre Dame just left of center, the Louvre and the Tuileries gardens to the right, continuing across the Seine to the left-bank and the open countryside beyond. The foreground includes a back-view self-portrait of the artist seated on a boulder sketching.

The view appeared in Merian's *Topographia Franconiae* published in Frankfurt between 1648 and 1656 with text by Martin Zeiler.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling and a bit of lost paper in the right margin, far from printed image. The manuscript number 4 in the bottom right corner of margin, not affecting printed image