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Stock#: 26424
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1588 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative full color example of Munster's final map of Europe, from a German edition of *Munster's Cosmographia* one of the most influential geographical works of the 16th Century.

Munster's first map of Europe was first published in 1540. By 1588, this map no longer represented modern geographical knowledge. As a result, in 1588, a new map of Europe was created for Munster's *Cosmographia*, based largely upon the map of Europe published by Abraham Ortelius.

Munster's *Geographia* (first published in 1540) and his later *Cosmographia* were cartographic landmarks. The *Geographia* included not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. The *Cosmographia* (first published in 1544) was the earliest German description of the world and a major work in the revival of geographic thought in 16th-century Europe. Altogether, about 40 editions of the *Cosmographia* appeared between 1544 and 1628.

Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the important map makers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.



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Detailed Condition: