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Bird's Eye View, Centennial Buildings. Fairmount Park Philadelphia. 1876.

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Map Maker: Toudy
Date: 1875
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 23 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$575.00



Description:

Fine example of Thomas Hunter's view of the Art Gallery, one of the primary exhibition buildings constructed for the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia.

The map shows the five major buildings: the Main Exhibition Building, Memorial Hall (Art Gallery), Machinery Hall, Agricultural Hall, and Horticultural Hall. In addition to these buildings, approximately 250 smaller structures were constructed by states, countries, companies and other Centennial bureaus that focused on particular displays or services.

The broad boulevards, fountains and bridges are shown and the impressive main buildings are depicted with fine detail and identified by a key under the image.

This fine tinted lithographic view was one of a group of views commissioned in 1874 by the Centennial Board of Finance, as a means of publicizing and fund raising for the Centennial Exhibition. The prints were intended to demonstrate the impressive main buildings of the exhibition. The prints were also sold separately as souvenirs of what was to become America's first great tourist attraction.

Detailed Condition:

Marginal tears along top margin, not affecting printed image. Very minor foxing.