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Planisphaerium Ptolemaicum, Sive Machina Orbium Mundi Ex Hypothesi Ptolemaica In Plano Disposita

Stock#: 40250
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1660 (1708)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of this celestial chart illustration of Claudius Ptolemy's model of the Universe, a model of the solar system with the earth at the center, from the 1708 Valk & Schenk edition of Andreas Cellarius's *Harmonia Macrocosmica seu Atlas Universalis et Novus*.

Fine example of Cellarius' astronomical chart in the form of the concentric circles, demonstrating the apparent movements of the planets around the earth.

Andreas Cellarius *Harmonia Macrocosmica* (first published in 1660) is generally regarded as one of the most spectacular cosmographical atlases that was published in the second half of the seventeenth century. The atlas was published in 1660 and 1661 by the Amsterdam publisher Johannes Janssonius (1588-1664), as a cosmographical supplement to his *Atlas Novus*. Andreas Cellarius had already started working on this atlas before 1647 and intended it to be a historical introduction for a two-volume treatise on cosmography but the second part was never published.

The plates of his *Harmonia Macrocosmica* were reprinted (without the Latin commentary) in 1708 by the Amsterdam publishers Gerard Valk (1651-1726) and Peter Schenk (1660-1711).

Detailed Condition: