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Stock#: 43642
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1617
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 14 inches
Price: \$3,900.00



Description:

Finely colored example of Braun & Hogenberg's Plan of Moscow.

This decorative and detailed plan of Moscow (Moskva) appeared in volume 6 of Braun & Hogenberg's of the *Civitates Orbis Theatrum*. Because first appeared in 1617 in the final volume of this great work, it is far rarer than Braun & Hogenberg's first plan of Moscow, which was first issued in 1575. {{ inventory_detail_link('33973') }} {{ inventory_detail_link('33663', '') }}

The map is believed to be derived from a Russian survey prepared at the orders of Boris Fyodorovich Godunov (c. 1551-1605), Czar of Muscovy from 1598 onward, and was probably prepared prior to 1630. The original Russian plan has apparently not survived, and Braun & Hogenberg may have used a copy made in 1610 for King Sigismund III of Poland.

The plan shows the old city which surrounds the Kremlin and the Kitai Gorod or Fortified City. The name Kremlin first appeared as Kreml' (or High Town) in an account of the fire in the town in 1331. It was founded in 1147 at the junction of two rivers, the Moskva and the Neglinnaya. As Moscow grew, the Kremlin became the royal, religious and secular heart of the city. Until Czar Peter I transferred his seat of government to his new city of St Petersburg in 1713, it was the capital city. beyond the walls of Kitai Gorod, another section grew up, called Belgorod or White City, which was in 1584 after the death of Czar Ivan the Terrible with a wall which spanned 6 miles and included 28 towers.

Detailed Condition: