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[Celestial Map] Air France

Stock#: 62938
Map Maker: Boucher
Date: 1959
Place: Paris
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 37.5 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative Air France celestial map by Lucien Boucher, illustrating the constellations on a double hemispheric projection.

This is perhaps Boucher's finest work, with an elegant depiction of the constellations in gold, superimposed over a blue sky with additional star clusters in the distance. At the bottom of the map, a caricature of the routes flown by Air France is shown radiating from Paris. A set of 4 windheads in the corners and compass rose at the top center completes the image.

Beginning around 1935, Lucien Boucher designed a number of travel posters for Air France that continued until he was well into his seventies. This artist is best known for his Air France, world-map posters, signaling a global theatre. Lucien Boucher launched his design career attuned to the commercial promise of Surrealism.

Born in Chartre, he studied at the École de Céramique de Sèvres. He made his debut at the Salon d'Automne in 1921, becoming a member in 1923; he also exhibited at the Salon de l'Araignée from 1924-1930. As well as lithographs, Boucher also made wood engravings, and drawings in watercolor and gouache.

Detailed Condition: