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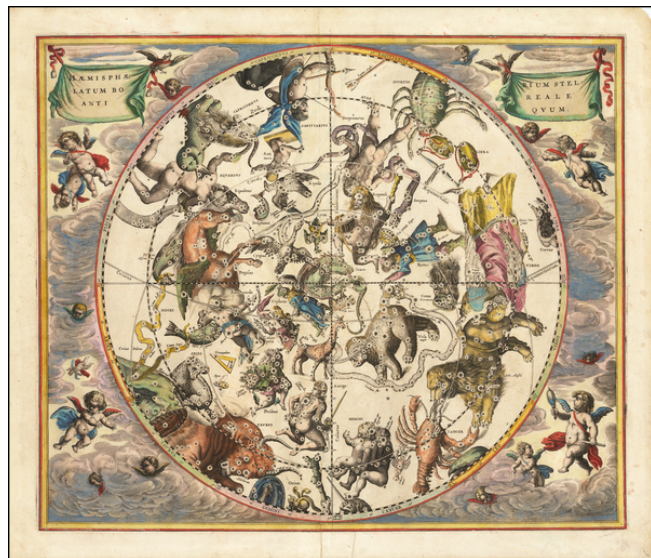
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Stock#: 63919
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1660
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: \$5,400.00



Description:

Very nice example of this striking chart of the Northern Sky, illustrating the constellations of the Northern Hemisphere superimposed over the earth's Southern Hemisphere, from Andreas Cellarius's *Harmonia Macrocosmica*, first published in 1660.

The map provides a fantastic image of the stars, as if seen from deeper in space, so that each of the constellations is facing in the opposite direction from the way that the same constellations would be seen from earth.

This projection reflects a theory that originated with Petrus Plancius that the stars remained in a sphere-like configuration above the earth, which moved in coordination with the earth. This theory is found in the title of his atlas, *Harmonia Macrocosmica*.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Minor fold split and tear in the lower margin, expertly repaired.