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## [Venice] Contrachtung der fürnemen Statt Venedig / sammt den umliigneden Inseln

**Stock#:** 64103  
**Map Maker:** Munster  
**Date:** 1550 circa  
**Place:** Basel  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 15.5 x 10 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *An Iconic Early View of Venice*

A nice example of Munster's view of Venice, from an early edition of Munster's *Cosmography*, one of the most influential books of the 16th Century.

One of the earliest obtainable birds-eye views of Venice. This image portrays Venice at the start of its three-century decline from power. While the city still thrived on trade, the growing power of the city-states on the mainland and the city's lack of success at the Battle of Lepanto were issues plaguing the city at the time. Landmarks visible on the work include St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's palace (both labeled Palatium), and the Rialto bridge is discernable.

### Detailed Condition: