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Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1636
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A detailed town plan of Milan, showing the fortified walls, city gates, inner ring and important public buildings, squares, and much more. A key names seventy three places of interest. The coat of arms of the Visconti, once rulers of the city, is shown in the upper right.

The map is oriented to the northwest, allowing for the symmetry of the city to be readily apparent. In the center top of the image, labeled "Castellum," lies the Sforzesco Castle, at the time surrounded by its own lake. The moat surrounding the center of the city has been replaced by a ring road while the outer moat has one last vestige in the Conchetta district, but now mostly lies underground. Other structures and monuments of Milan from the present day are recognizable in the map, with a "Basilica catedralis" appearing to signify the Duomo.

This map was published at a critical point in Milan's history. Half a decade prior, one of the last pandemics of the Black Death raged through the city, killing nearly half of the city's population. This plague is commemorated in the great Italian work, *The Betrothed*.

This is a fine full-color example of Merian's map of Milan.

Detailed Condition: