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(Copenhagen) Hafnia Metropolis Et Portus Celeberrimus Daniae -- Copenhagen

Stock#: 68235
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1638
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking birdseye view of Copenhagen, from Merian's *Neuwe Archontologica Cosmica*, which was published in 1638. The view shows town, buildings, churches, harbor, bridges, ships, fortifications, and much more. A key names six of the major landmarks of the city, including the castle, Church of St. Peter's (the oldest building in central Copenhagen), and Axelhues Island (an obsolete name for the small islet the castle sits on). The coat of arms of the city floats above the image, and some ships at sea fly Danish flag.

The map portrays the city with its attractive buildings in the style of the Amsterdam Canal houses. Grand churches are scattered throughout the city, and the city gives way to the low hills of Sjaelland in the background. The city is shown during the reign of Christian IV, at the end of a period of extremely rapid growth. The city would become the capital of Denmark-Norway in 1661, and a new round of defenses would soon be constructed. Many of the buildings shown would be destroyed in the 1728 Copenhagen Fire.

Detailed Condition: