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[Piscis Austrinus] (Stars Heightened in Gold)

Stock#: 68435
Map Maker: Bayer

Date: 1603
Place: Augsburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 11.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A magnificent full-color example of Bayer's celestial chart of Piscis Austrinus, with the stars heightened in gold. Piscis Austrinus is the being that swallows the water poured by Aquarius and is an important constellation in several ancient civilizations. A recurring tale in Mediterranean cultures tells of the fish saving a heroine, in Egyptian mythology this is Isis. The two fish in Pisces are sometimes taken to be the offspring of this Piscis Austrinus.

The image is oriented so that the ecliptic line lies on the horizontal, just out of the range of the image. Other lines of cosmological importance are shown. The present example has no text on the verso. This work appeared in Bayer's *Uranometria*.

Detailed Condition: