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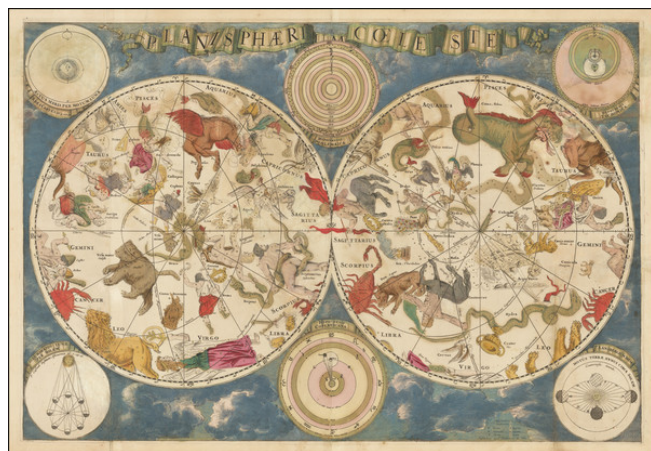
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Planisphaerium Coeleste

Stock#: 69271
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1680
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 28 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published double hemisphere celestial map, published in Amsterdam by Frederick De Wit.

The stars are heighten in gold.

An exceptionally decorative, oversized, very rare celestial chart, produced by Frederik de Wit illustrating the two hemispheres surrounded by six supplementary models, illustrating the Copernican hypothesis, the Ptolemaic hypothesis, the Tycho Brahe hypothesis, the phases of the moon relative to the Sun, the rotational pattern of the day, and the rotation pattern of the Moon around the Earth.

Each major hemisphere is centered on the elliptic pole and rendered on a polar stereographic projection with an external orientation. The constellations are drawn and colored to emphasize the signs of the Zodiac and other famous constellations.

De Wit's illustration of the constellations is clearly derived from the celestial hemispheres appearing as supplementary material on Joan Blaeu's 1658 wall map of the world (Shirley 371).

This is the first of two states. The later state bears the imprint of Covens & Mortier.

Rarity

OCLC locates 3 institutional examples of the map.

Detailed Condition:



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Two sheets, joined, as issued. Old Color. Backed with a thin layer of tissue to support the old color.