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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Tabula . . .

Stock#: 69741mj
Map Maker: Ottens / De Wit
Date: 1668 (1745)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce third state of De Wit's striking double hemisphere shows the island of California and partial shorelines of western Australia and New Zealand.

The map has been substantially revised from the original 1668 De Wit edition, engraved by Romyn De Hooghe, and now includes nice details in Southeast Asia, including a very curiously place Quiro Regio, which is a misplaced northern coast of Australia, displaced to appear directly above New Zealand.

The map also includes a very bold and confident depiction of Terra Esonis, the mythical land bridge which virtually connects Japan and California. The depiction of the Southern Hemisphere is also significantly revised, most notably adding Australia and Southern Africa.

Includes an advanced depiction of the five Great Lakes, with Lakes Superior and Huron with open-ended western shores.

The exquisite scenes surrounding the map are among the finest decorative motifs on early maps, rendered in life-like detail. They were etched (rather than engraved) by the important Dutch artist Romeyn de Hooghe. These lively scenes represent the four elements. Fire is shown by war and destruction; air by the heavens; earth by harvesting and husbandry; and water by ships, a spouting whale and mermaids. There are groups of figures tucked between the hemispheres with polar projection maps above and below.

This scarce third state bears the imprint of Reiner and Josua Ottens.



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Detailed Condition:

Old outline color, retouched. Margins close to platemark at all edges. Some small mended nicks to edges.