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X. Pegasus, Equleus, Delphinus. . .

Stock#: 75909
Map Maker: Bode
Date: 1801
Place: Berlin
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 31 x 22.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

A magnificent hand-colored engraved celestial plate from "the most elaborate atlas of stars and constellations published to date and perhaps the last great star atlas." - David Rumsey

Impressive celestial engraving from the large folio 1801 first edition of Johann Elert Bode's *Uranographia*.

The plate depicts the constellations Pegasus, Delphinus, and Equuleus. Pegasus is composed of the Great Square, one of the most easily recognizable shapes in the sky. The constellation was known to many civilizations; in Greek myth, Pegasus was born of Medusa when she was vanquished by Perseus. Pegasus was later involved in the slaying of the chimera by Bellerophon. Bellerophon instructed Pegasus to take him to Mount Olympus, where, in some tellings, both were slain by Zeus.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of stars are depicted on the plate, with their levels of brightness classified and indicated by a system of symbols. There are approximately seven levels of brightness indicated.

Detailed Condition: