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[The Northern and Southern "Pagan" Constellations] Haemisphaerium Stellatum Boreale Antiquum (and) Haemisphaerium Stellatum Australe Antiquum

Stock#: 78912
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1661
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 17.5 inches Each Sheet
Price: \$ 11,500.00



Description:

Cellarius's fantastic depiction of the Northern and Southern Hemisphere sky illustrating the pagan constellations as visible from the earth. Here presented in two sheets, one showing the northern ("*boreal*") sky and one showing the southern ("*austral*") sky, these were first published in the 1661 edition of Cellarius's tremendous *Harmonia Macrocosmica*.

The celestial maps provide a fantastic image of the stars in a planiform projection. In particular, the chart gives an up-to-date mapping of the constellations of the southern hemisphere, most notable for its inclusion of the most recently observed constellations, i.e. those that could only have been seen on voyages to the deep southern latitudes. It bears noting that many of the Southern Hemisphere constellations had become known to European scholars less than 70 years before this book was published, through the observations of Frederick de Houtman in 1595-97. These were published by the great Dutch astronomer Petrus Plancius.

Visible on these two maps are the Southern Cross, Centaur, Hydra, Cancer, Leo, Gemini, Ursa Major, and the line of the zodiac.

Detailed Condition:

Minor marginal repairs, not affecting the image.