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Astrorum Uraniae Cursus, Variosque Recursus, Oculis Notans, Futura Mente Praevidet.

Stock#: 79240
Map Maker: Cock

Date: 1600 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 8.75 inches

Price: \$ 1,100.00



Description:

One of the "The Seven Liberal Arts"

Rare allegorical astrological image, by Frans Floris and Hieronymus Cock.

The title translates as: "Uranium consults the various recourses with eyes and mind to foresee the future."

A winged female figure with her head encircled by the stars shown at center, with one arm pointed toward the stars, while she rests on a large celestial globe. Her breastplate illustrates the sun, moon, and stars, with books and astrological tools are on the ground at her feet. The books include the works of Anaximenes, Hyginus, Manlius, Pontanus and Ptolemaeus, each of whom wrote on various celestial, astronomical and astrological topics in ancient times.

The map was originally published in Antwerp by Hieronymus Cock. In this state of the image, Cock's name to the right of the celestial hemisphere in the dark area has been mostly removed, although the K is still visible.

The image is based upon a painting by Antwerp artist Frans Floris (1519/20-1570), the foremost Antwerp artist of the mid-sixteenth century, sometimes called the Flemish Raphael. As a result of his close relationship with the publisher Hieronymus Cock, who established the Quatre Vents press in the same years that Floris started to receive important commissions, a number of his paintings were later published as engravings by Cock.



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The image is one of a set of seven images illustrating the seven liberal arts: Grammar, Rhetoric, Dialect, Arithmetic, Geometry, Astrology and Music.

Detailed Condition: