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Inventio Maris Magallanici

Stock#: 82179
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1594
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 8 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare allegorical image celebrating the circumnavigation of the earth by Ferdinand Magellan, from De Bry's *Americae pars quarta. Sive, Insignis & admiranda historia de reperta primum occidentali India à Christophoro Columbo anno M. CCCXCII ...*

The image shows Magellan on board his ship, surrounded by mythological figures including Apollo with sun and lyre, Zeus on his throne of clouds, Adam and Eve, a bird carrying an elephant, a native American swallowing an arrow, and a depiction of the Tierra del Fuego. The image also includes cannon, banner with the double-headed Hapsburg eagle, anchor, broken mast, navigational instruments such as armillary sphere and dividers, sea monsters, and sea nymphs.



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The large bird carrying the elephant represents the effort to discover a passage to the East Indies.

The image is based upon a 1592 engraving by Jan van der Straet, also known as Joannes [or Johannes] Stradanus, who created a series of four prints under the title *Americae relectio*, celebrating the discovery of the new world.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing and dampstaining in blank margin.