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Gorlitz

Stock#: 89301
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1575
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.25 x 12 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

Important early view of Gorlitz, from Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important book of town plans and views published in the 16th Century.

Translation of text on verso:

Görlitz is a splendid city in Upper Lusatia; it is adorned with many very beautiful buildings and well fortified with walls and moats, but the ground on which it lies is uneven and mountainous. The River Neisse flows through the city, which is of great advantage to the millers, brewers, dyers and other artisans. Spanning this river is a great wooden bridge covered with a roof.

Görlitz is shown from the east looking across the Neisse; the impressive silhouette of this city on the bank of the river is reproduced in detail, with its many church spires and magnificent half-timbered houses. On the right above the wooden bridge over the Neisse, which was roofed over in 1566, the city's landmark can be seen, the mighty late Gothic hall church of SS Peter and Paul, on the left the tall town hall and watchtower. The town prospered due to its location on an important trade route and received a municipal charter around 1200. It was granted the right to brew beer, the right to mint and issue coins, and staple rights for the woad plant (German indigo, principally used to produce blue linen), and reached the height of its political and economic power at the beginning of the 15th century. (Taschen)

Detailed Condition: