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## [Ptolemaic World & Modern Continents] Ptolemisch General Tafel . . . / Americae Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio / Affricae Tabulae Nova / Europa . . . / Asia . . .

**Stock#:** 93442  
**Map Maker:** Munster  
**Date:** 1588 circa  
**Place:** Basel  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 14 x 12.5 inches (each)  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### ***The Old World & Modern Continents From Munster's Cosmographia***

Decorative set of maps showing the Ptolemaic World and 4 modern continents, published for Sebastian Munster's *Cosmographia*. . .

As a set, the 5 maps provide a fascinating contrasting set of images of the Pre-Columbian World, juxtaposed against up to date maps showing the known world exactly 100 years after Bartolomeu Dias first rounded the Cape of Good Hope (1488), and less than a century after Columbus's first contact with the New World (1492) and Vasco de Gama's first successful sea voyage from Europe to India (1498).

By 1588, Munster's first set of maps of the world and continents, originally printed in 1540, had become dated and became time to update the maps in his *Cosmographia*. For revised maps, his success, Henrich Petri, looked to Abraham Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* for a cartographic model. The titles of the maps of America and Africa were copied, although curiously Africa was misspelled with two f's.

The new maps would anchor an entirely new set of modern maps, which would appear in Munster's *Cosmographia* for the next 5 decades.



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**Detailed Condition:**