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Planisfero Del Globo Celeste

Stock#: 94127
Map Maker: Brunacci / Rossi

Date: 1687
Place: Rome
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 16.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Finely Colored Rare Celestial Hemisphere by Giacomo Brunacci

Fine example of this captivating double hemisphere celestial map by Giacomo Brunacci.

Crafted with precision, the map showcases two hemispheres of the night sky, each filled with an intricate network of constellations and stars. Each star and constellation is elegantly detailed, testament to the astronomical knowledge of the time. This meticulousness extends to the positioning and the relative brightness of the stars, effectively creating a scientific document that serves as a practical tool for astronomers.

The constellations are depicted as mythological figures, animals, and objects, drawing from both Greek and Roman traditions. These beautifully rendered figures imbue the map with a narrative quality, transforming the night sky into a stage for ancient myths and legends.

The map is not just a celestial tableau, but an attempt to bring order and comprehension to the vast expanse of the cosmos. The incorporation of a coordinate grid further underlines the scientific rigour of the period, allowing for the accurate location of celestial bodies. This blending of art and science is a hallmark of celestial cartography, and Brunacci's map epitomizes this tradition.

The map reflects humanity's growing understanding of the universe during the era. The precision of the star placements, the detailed constellation figures, and the comprehensiveness of the celestial bodies depicted all attest to the advancements in astronomical observation and knowledge.

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Detailed Condition: