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### Landtafel des Ungerlands/ Polands / Reuffen / Littaw / Walachen und Bulgaren

**Stock#:** 39176  
**Map Maker:** Munster  
**Date:** 1578 circa  
**Place:** Basle  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 14 x 10 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Interesting early regional map showing the region from Poland and Russia in the North, to the Ukraine, Serbia, and the Black Sea and Danube River, centered on Poland and Lithuania.

From an early edition of Munster's *Cosmographia*, one of the most influential geographical works of the 16th Century.

Sebastien Munster's *Geographia* and his later *Cosmographia* were landmark works including not only Ptolemaic maps but also a number of important early modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. The town views included in the *Cosmographia* were among the earliest widely distributed modern views of European and other cities available to Europeans in the mid-16th Century, pre-dating Braun & Hogenberg's work by several decades. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century.

Sebastien Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call for geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for and included substantial foreign material which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.



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