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(Ancient Northern Celestial Hemisphere) Haemisphaerium Stellatum Boreale Antiquum

Stock#: 78913
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1661
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of this striking chart of the Northern Sky, illustrating the constellations of the Northern Hemisphere superimposed over the earth's Southern Hemisphere, from Andreas Cellarius's *Harmonia Macrocosmica*, first published in 1660.

The map provides a fantastic image of the stars, as if seen from deeper in space, so that each of the constellations is facing in the opposite direction from the way that the same constellations would be seen from earth.

This is the first of three plates (plate 24) to focus on northern hemisphere stars printed in Cellarius's work. This plate shows the stars as seen from the earth, in contrast to the other three which show the stars as seen from outside the supposed celestial sphere.

Detailed Condition: