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## Nova Germaniae Descriptio

**Stock#:** 105409  
**Map Maker:** Sabatini  
**Date:** 1670 circa  
**Place:** Bologna  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21.5 x 17.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 6,500.00



### Description:

#### *A Rare Italian Carte-a-figures Map of the Holy Roman Empire*

Rare separately published map of the Holy Roman Empire, published by Francesco Sabatini in Bologna.

This intricately detailed map of the Holy Roman Empire, likely from the late 17th century, exemplifies the cartographic and artistic standards of its time. The map is surrounded by richly illustrated borders depicting prominent figures and cities, reflecting the political and social landscape of the era. This map was modeled after an earlier work by Pieter van den Keere and dedicated to Enea Silvio Caprara (1631-1701), a native of Bologna and an officer serving the imperial house in Vienna. The dedication aligns with Caprara's rank in the early 1670s, suggesting Sabatini's awareness of his patron's prestigious position.

The top border features portraits of the Electors of the Holy Roman Empire, each depicted on horseback, emphasizing their noble status and martial prowess. From left to right, these are:

1. **Archbishop of Mainz** (Archiepiscopus Moguntinus)
2. **Archbishop of Cologne** (Archiepiscopus Coloniensis)
3. **Archbishop of Trier** (Archiepiscopus Trevirensis)
4. **King of Bohemia** (Bohemiae Rex)
5. **Count Palatine of the Rhine** (Palatinus Comes Rheni)
6. **Duke of Saxony** (Dux Saxoniae)



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### 7. Margrave of Brandenburg (Marchio Brandenburgensis)

Along the left and right borders are depictions of various Germanic noble figures, each representing different aspects of the noble and administrative classes within the Empire. These include:

1. **Nobili Germaniae**
2. **Hallei Norwegiorum**
3. **Maior Militum**
4. **Fuitores Germaniae**
5. **Habitu Helvetii**
6. **Publica Germaniae**

The bottom border features picturesque views of significant cities within the Holy Roman Empire, offering a visual tour of some of the most important urban centers of the time. From left to right, these cities are:

1. **Hamburg** (Hamburgum)
2. **Leipzig** (Lipsia)
3. **Prague** (Praga)
4. **Nuremberg** (Norimberga)
5. **Augsburg** (Augustae)
6. **Regensburg** (Ratisbona)
7. **Cologne** (Colonia)

### Rarity

All Sabatini maps are of the utmost rarity.

OCLC locates 1 example (University Library of Erlangen-Nürnberg)

### **Detailed Condition:**