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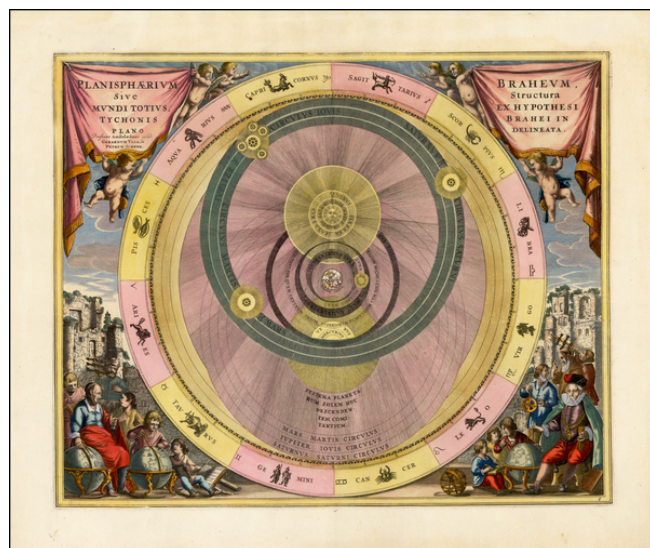
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Planisphaerium Braheum Sive Structura Mundi Totius Ex Hypothesi Tychonis Braehi In Plano Delineata

Stock#: 37171
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1661 (1708)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Cellarius's chart illustrating Danish Astronomer Tycho Brahe's model of the universe, from the 1708 Valk & Schenk edition of Cellarius's *Harmonia Cosmographica*.

As a compromise between the models of Ptolemy and Copernicus, the Danish Astronomer Tycho Brahe proposed a model of the Universe with the earth at the center of the universe and the Sun and Moon circling the Earth, but the other planets revolving around the Sun. The chart includes a portrait of Tycho Brahe in the lower right, with his famous observatory on the island of Hven in the background.

Andreas Cellarius was born in 1596 in Neuhausen and educated in Heidelberg. He emigrated to Holland in the early 17th Century and in 1637 moved to Hoorn, where he became the rector of the Latin School. Cellarius' best known work is his *Harmonia Macrocosmica*, first issued in 1660 by Jan Jansson, as a supplement to Jansson's *Atlas Novus*. The work consists of a series of celestial charts begun by Cellarius in 1647 and intended as part of a two volume treatise on cosmography, which was never issued. The work is unique in that it shows the heavens from "God's Eye Perspective", in other words, looking toward the earth at the stars and solar systems depicted, rather than a view from earth.

Cellarius' charts are the most sought after of celestial charts, blending the striking imagery of the golden age of Dutch Cartography with contemporary scientific knowledge.



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Detailed Condition:

Wide clean margins.