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Map Maker: Homann
Date: 1730 circa
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 19.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking, Large-Format Plan of Eighteenth-Century Vienna

Detailed, high resolution plan of the walled city of Vienna, with some of the new building projects in the *Vorstädte* shown as well.

At center is the old city, or *Altstadt*, with its surrounding bastions. Conspicuous within the city is St. Stephen's Cathedral. A strip of green, undeveloped land separates the city center from the *Vorstädte*, or the suburbs. In the top left and right corners are tables explaining the different features of the city.

At bottom is a view of the city's skyline. Another table running along the bottom of the plan explains the significance of each of the major buildings depicted.

Vienna in the eighteenth century

This plan shows Vienna as it was beginning to expand in the eighteenth century. In 1724, just before this plan was published, the population had reached 150,000; it had recovered and grown after devastating plague outbreaks in 1679 and 1713. By 1790, the population would balloon to 200,000.

The distinctive city walls surrounding the *Altstadt* were built to combat not disease, but invasion. After the



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First Turkish Siege of 1529, the previous city walls were found insufficient to stand up to sustained battery and a new building project commenced. The building of the new, more heavily-fortified walls lasted well into the seventeenth century. They proved their worth during the Second Turkish Siege of 1683, the last time the Ottoman Empire menaced Vienna.

Following the Second Turkish Siege, a spate of new building project began in the *Vorstädte*. These developments are visible on the edges of this plan. Outside the city walls, the nobility built up grand garden palaces known as *Palais*. These were surrounded by their own wall, the *Linienwall*, in 1704.

To the north of the city center is Leopoldstadt. This is where the city's first factories were built in the eighteenth century. It also became the center of Jewish life in the city, as the community had been driven out of their former ghetto around 1720.

A fine snapshot of the geography and development of this important city.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration at centerfold