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Nova et Accuratissima Totius Terrarum Orbis Tabula Auctore Joanne Blaeu [Highlighted in Gold!]

Stock#: 5980
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1662
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG-
Size: 21.5 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An old color--gold highlighted example of Blaeu's double hemisphere map of the world, prepared by Joan Blaeu for his 11 volume Atlas Maior in 1662. Unlike its predecessor which employed the Mercator projection, Blaeu utilizes a double hemisphere format and depicts California as an island. This double hemisphere world map is much rarer than its predecessor. The engraving and layout and elegance of decoration are all of the highest standard. The map depicts celestial figures seated among the clouds and representations of the four season below, with each figure seated in a chariot drawn by beasts and birds. This example comes from what must have been an extraordinary example of the Spanish edition of Blaeu's Major, issued in 1666. The map is richly colored and includes gold leaf highlighting throughout the map. The map has been restored and de-acidified and shows the adverse effects of the coloring of the period, but has been stabilized and archivally backed, and still retains much of its original beauty. The map is now quite scarce and when offered in original color (without the gold highlights) and would normally be a \$25,000 map, even without the gold. Shirley 428.

Detailed Condition: