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Haemisphaerium Scenographicum Australe Coeli Stellati Et Terrae

Stock#: 67591
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1660
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely executed map of the Southern Sky, illustrating the constellations of the Southern Hemisphere superimposed over the Southern Polar Hemisphere, first published by Andreas Cellarius 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 projection reflects a theory that originated with Petrus Plancius that the stars remained in a sphere-like configuration above the earth, which moved in coordination with the earth. This theory is found in the title of his atlas, *Harmonia Macrocosmica*.

A spectacular example of this decorative map of the southern sky, illustrating the constellations, with decorative scenes surrounding the map image. The South Pole, South Africa & South America are also shown, with the South Pole listed as *Terra Incognitae*.

Detailed Condition:

Very small repair just outside the mouth of the chameleon at the lower centerfold.