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Place: London
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Price: SOLD



Description:

A rare star chart centered on the constellation Gemini, the twins. Gemini are the twins Castor and Pollux in Roman mythology. They form part of the larger myth of the Divine Horse Twins in Pan Indo-European culture. In Greek tradition, they joined the Argonauts and later helped rescue Helen; the constellation supposedly represents the immortality Pollux shared with his mortal half-twin Castor.

The chart includes a colored Gemini and uncolored parts of the constellations of Cancer, Monoceros, Canis, Hydra, and others. Major stars are shown according to brightness and heightened in gold. The image is orientated so that the ecliptic line lies horizontally. Several other lines of celestial importance are shown.

This chart was dedicated to "Dr. William Stukeley, Rector of St. Georges Queens Square, FRS" and a coat of arms reads "Si sit prudentia," or "if there be but prudence." Stukeley was an especially prominent figure of the day, involved in the early development of modern archeology. He was particularly reputed for his work at Stonehenge, and renown for his eccentric personality.

Detailed Condition:

Stars heightened in gold.