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Americae Retectio

Stock#: 71382mp2
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1594
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 7.5 x 10 inches Including Text
Price: SOLD



Description:

Famous 16th-century allegorical scene commemorating the discovery of America.

This is the De Bry edition of the image originally drawn by Johannes Stradanus, a Flemish artist living in Italy, which was first engraved by Adrian Collaert for Galle's *Americae Retectio* in 1585. The image was also re-issued in 1592 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Columbus's discovery of the New World.

The map shows the coastline from Livorno to Savona. The main image shows Neptune, supporting a Globe, flanked by Flora-representing Florence, and Janus-representing Genoa. The coat of arms of each city is depicted just beyond each of these figures. Flora is shown holding back a draped curtain, thus revealing the western hemisphere which was previously hidden behind behind this cloak of obscurity. Medallion portraits of Vespucci and Columbus appear above this scene, and Magellan is alluded to by the indication



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of Magellanica on the globe. Portraits of Columbus and Vespucci are shown above. The globe shows the world on an inverse projection, with America on the right. The entirety of South America, the Caribbean, Central America, and the Eastern Part of North America can be seen, extending to the southern tip of Greenland.

A nice example in full color, from a De Bry re-issue of the image.

Detailed Condition: