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Mantua

Stock#: 77383
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1593 circa
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

Fine early birdseye view of the Mantua in Italy.

From Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important book of town plans and views published in the 16th Century.

The engraving shows a bird's-eye view of a city in the middle of a lake. In the background flat land can be seen, behind which appear the Alps. The city is linked to the mainland by bridges and dams.

Mantua was founded by the Etruscans in the 6th century BC and named after Mantus, their god of the underworld. In Roman times, the city's most famous inhabitant, Virgil, was born here, in 70 BC. After the end of the Roman era, Mantua had various rulers during the migration period.

From 1328 to 1708 the Gonzaga family ruled Mantua. Their residence was the Palazzo Ducale, which can be seen in the engraving directly to the right of the San Giorgio bridge (Pont de S. Iorgio). The Camera degli Sposi was decorated with frescos by Andrea Mantegna, one of the most important painters and engravers of the early Italian Renaissance.

Detailed Condition:

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