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**[Title Page] Theatrum Orbis Terrarum . . . MDCXII (Gold leaf!)**

**Stock#:** 79227  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1612  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

***From one of the Very Last Editions of the Atlas.***

Attractive example of the decorative title page from the 1612 Latin edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas. This nice full-color piece contains lettering heightened in gold.

The four figures surrounding the title represent the four known continents, with an Amazon at the bottom, a representation of Africa at the right, a representation of Asia at the left, and a representation of Europe

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at the top. Two globes surround the representation at the top.

Text on the map ascribes the work to Ortelius, geographer to the king. At the bottom, it mentions his connection with the Plantin family, an important Antwerp printing family at the time.

The verso includes a reference to Philip II along with his coat of arms. The king Ortelius's patron after the Spanish takeover of the Low Countries.\

This title page originally appeared in the 1612 Latin edition of the *Theatrum*, the last edition to be published.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color heightened in gold, probably retouched later. The original image has some loss and facsimile, in the lower-left hand corner and in the upper archway. It has been professionally cut into a piece of nice 17th-century paper, with restoration visible on verso. Professionally executed.