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[Pegasus] (Stars Heightened in Gold)

Stock#: 83165
Map Maker: Bayer
Date: 1624
Place: Augsburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A magnificent full-color example of Bayer's celestial chart of Pegasus, with the stars heightened in gold. Pegasus is composed of the Great Square, one of the most easily recognizable shapes in the sky. The constellation was known to many civilizations; in Greek myth, Pegasus was born of Medusa when she was vanquished by Perseus. Pegasus was later involved in the slaying of the chimera by Bellerophon. Bellerophon instructed Pegasus to take him to Mount Olympus, where, in some tellings, both were slain by Zeus.

The image is oriented so that the ecliptic line lies on the horizontal, just out of the range of the image. Other lines of cosmological importance are shown. The present example has no text on the verso. This work appeared in Bayer's *Uranometria*.

Detailed Condition: