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[Ursa Minor] (Stars Heightened in Gold)

Stock#: 83196
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 Ursa Minor, with the stars heightened in gold. The dark night sky gives way to the polar celestial circles which are painted in magnificent bright colors. Ursa Minor, one of the most important constellations for navigation, is here pictured as a bear with a long tail, ostensibly having been elongated by being swung into the heavens by Zeus.

The image is oriented so that the ecliptic line lies on the horizontal, and 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: