



Classic 17th century Dutch map of Cyprus

BLAEU, Johannes.
 Cyprus Insula.

Amsterdam, 1665, Dutch text edition. Original colour with gold highlights. 390 x 410mm, wide margins.

£1,850

A famous map of Cyprus, with Famagusta, Nicosia and Limassol marked in red with gold spots, published in Blaeu's monumental 11-volume 'Atlas Major'. The large title cartouche depicts a famous story from Greek mythology; Aphrodite, seated in a shell being drawn across the sea to Cyprus by a pair of swans, is pricked with an arrow by her son Cupid, which causes her to fall in love with Adonis. Unfortunately he was killed by a boar.

ZACHARAKIS: 243, illus. pl.40; BANK OF CYPRUS: 66; SCUTARI (Comp): Sweet Land of Cyprus 51, 'perhaps the finest map of Cyprus'.

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