



A 16th century print of a jousting tournament in the Vatican

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Dissigno del Torneamento fatto il lune di Carnouale in Roma nel Theatro Vaticano, per Ant. Lafreri formis 1565.

Rome: Hendrik van Schoel, c.1602. 515 x 395mm.

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An elevated view of a joust held on 5 March 1565 in the Belvedere courtyard of the Vatican Palace, organized to celebrate the marriage of Jacopo Annibale Altemps and Ortenzia Borromeo. Spectators watch from the theatre hemicycle, the palace balconies, and the colossal steps at the northern end of the courtyard. Fireworks erupt in the background from a loggia above the 'Nicchione'. First published by Antonio Lafreri in Salamanca's 'Speculum Romanae Magnificentiae' in 1565, this example was published after van Schoel bought the plates from Claudio Duchetti, Lafreri's nephew and successor.

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