



A rare plate of six gores from an early 17th century Italian celestial globe

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[Globus Coelest, in quo stellae fixae omnes quae a N. Viro Tychone Brahe suma cura observatae sunt, accuratissime designantur: quibus adjuncte sunt circa Pol. Aust. stel: quae a pertiss: nauclero Petro Theodori annotatae sunt simul accomodate ad ann. 1614.]

Rome: Giuseppe de Rossi, 1615. 325 x 320mm.

£1,800

A sheet containing six globe gores, one of two sheets necessary for a 8" (205mm) celestial globe. The gores, which reach right to the celestial poles, show half of the Zodiac sign Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and half of Pisces, with the other constellations on that half of the sphere. The title, as above, is taken from the other sheet. Giuseppe de Rossi (Latinised as Josephus, d.1639) founded the De Rossi publishing dynasty continued by Giovanni Giacomo then Domenico. He based his globe on that of Jodocus Hondius (1600), which used Plancius's designs for the constellations.

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