



An 18Th Century Compass Rose In Fine Colour

£300

Additional Information

Dimensions	135 × 125 mm
Cartographer	THOMAS, Corbinianus.
Date	1730
Extra Info	Rosa Navtica.
Publication	Frankfurt, 1730. Fine original hand colour. 125 x 135mm.
Condition	A good example.
References	KANAS: 7.7, 'beautiful illustrations'; WARNER, p.251.

Product Description

A finely-coloured compass rose, with the points named in German, engraved by Johann Christoph Berndt for the celestial atlas 'Mercurii Philosphici Firmamentum Firmianum', named for Thomas's patron, Leopold Anton von Firmian, Archbishop of Salzburg.

Corbinianus Thomas (1694-1767), a Benedictine monk, was Professor of Mathematics and Theology at the University of Salzburg. His star atlas was first published in 1730 at Frankfurt, with a second edition at Augsburg the following year. He used an odd system for nomenclature: Bayer Greek letter for the star, Roman numeral for the magnitude and Arabic numeral for the star catalogue reference.