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## THE ONLY KNOWN COMPLETE EXAMPLE OF A 17TH CENTURY PROSPECT OF VENICE

**£12,500.00**

Vero e Nuovo Disegno della Inclita Citta de Venetia.

<b>Cartographer</b>	DE ROSSI, Giovanni Domenico.
<b>Date</b>	1650
<b>Stock #:</b>	24057
<b>Publication:</b>	Rome: Giovanni Domenico de' Rossi, c.1650. Two sheets conjoined, total 275 x 675mm, with wide margins.
<b>Condition:</b>	Minor repair in lower margin.

### DESCRIPTION:

A possibly unique map of Venice presented as a bird's-eye view, with the buildings shown in profile and the lagoon filled with galleys (including the Bucentaur) and galleons. In the sky are the arms of the city and a dedication to Andrea Tasca.

The prospect was published by Giovanni Domenico de' Rossi (1619-53), older brother of the more famous Giovanni Giacomo de' Rossi (1627-91), who bought Giovanni Domenico's business after he died in 1653. It is rare: Gino Moretto, author of the best reference book of maps and prospects of Venice, could only find the right sheet only of a later state published by Giovanni Giacomo de' Rossi, which he dated to 1680-90 because he mistook Giovanni Domenico for Domenico de' Rossi, son of Giovanni Giacomo.