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A 17TH CENTURY DUTCH WORLD MAP WITH SUPERB DECORATIVE BORDERS

£5,500.00

Nova Orbis Tabula in Lucem Edita.

Cartographer DE WIT, Frederick.

Date 1670

Stock #: 23590

Publication: Amsterdam, 1670. Fine original colour. 465 x

540mm.

Condition: A few small repairs.

DESCRIPTION:

A superbly engraved double-hemisphere world map, with two further spheres showing the northern and southern hemispheres and cherubs in the cusps. The four corners are taken up with vignettes of the Four Seasons, each with references to the Four Elements and the Zodiac.

This is an example of the first state, with blank cusps and no engraved border: in 1675 the cusps were filled with cherubs and a border added and circa 1680 the plate was replaced by one with New Guinea added in the Western Hemisphere. A collectors item

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