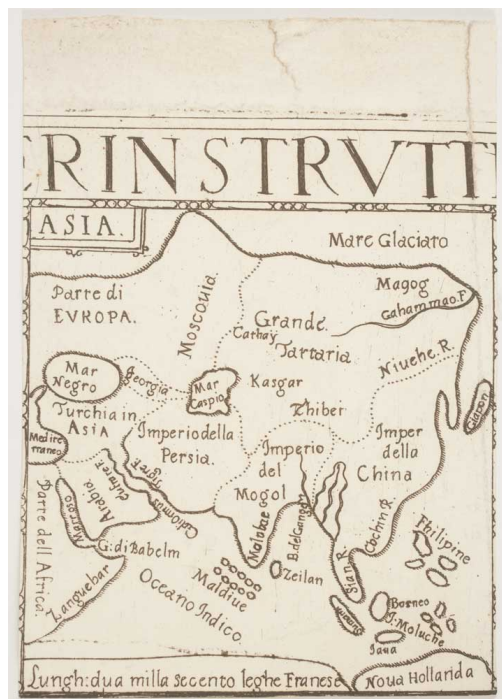




Altea Gallery
35 St George Street
W1S 2FN, London
United Kingdom

www.alteagallery.com

info@alteagallery.com
+44 (0) 20 7491 0010



A RARE MINIATURE MAP OF ASIA

£450.00

Asia.

Cartographer

FRESCHOT, Casimir Don.

Date

1680

Stock #:

11114

Publication:

Venice: Giovanni Pare', c. 1680. Sheet 120 x

85mm.

Condition:

Trimmed from a large broadsheet.

DESCRIPTION:

An extremely rare map of Asia, one of 153 squares of a 'goose game', 'Geografia ridotta a giuoco per istruttione della giovane nobiltà veneziana', of which there is one known complete example, in the Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana in Venice.

The game was designed by Don Casimir Freschot, a Benedictine Priest and author of about 50 books on history and Venice, to facilitate 'the teaching of geography to the young Venetian nobility'. Engraved by Anton Francesco Lucini, this was probably the earliest geographical game to be published. The 'board' comprised 153 squares containing small maps, arranged in a spiral, with a plan of Venice at the centre. Above the game were four larger maps of the continents, the rules, including the prizes and forfeits for landing on squares, and a dedication.