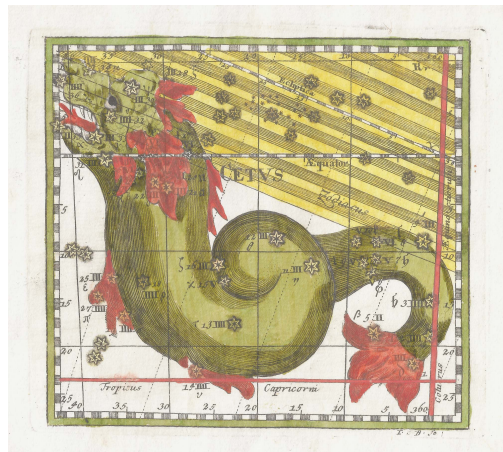




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## 18TH CENTURY ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONSTELLATION CETUS

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Cetus.

**Cartographer** THOMAS, Corbinianus.

**Date** 1730

**Stock #:** 21486

**Publication:** Frankfurt, 1730. Original colour. 135 x 120mm.

**Condition:** A good example.

### DESCRIPTION:

A chart of the constellation of Cetus, represented as a sea serpent, engraved by Johann Christoph Berndt for the celestial atlas 'Mercurii Philosophici 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.