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## PTOLEMAIC MAP OF THE CAUCASUS

£700.00

[Tabula III Asiae.]

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| <b>Cartographer</b> | WALDSEEMULLER, Martin.                                                     |
| <b>Date</b>         | 1535                                                                       |
| <b>Stock #:</b>     | 9883                                                                       |
| <b>Publication:</b> | Lyons: M. & G. Trechsel, 1535. Coloured woodcut, printed area 335 x 420mm. |
| <b>Condition:</b>   | Some restoration at centre fold.                                           |

### DESCRIPTION:

The Fries reduction of Wäldseemüller's map of the Caucasus, with the title on verso. Originally intended not for a Ptolemy edition but for a new 'Chronica mundi' being written by Wäldseemüller, his death c.1520 caused the project to be shelved, so the reduced woodcuts were used to publish a smaller sized and so cheaper edition of the 'Geography'. On verso is a text surrounded by woodcut columnar decorations and another woodcut with numerous scenes including a woman sitting beside a tree with hanging body parts.