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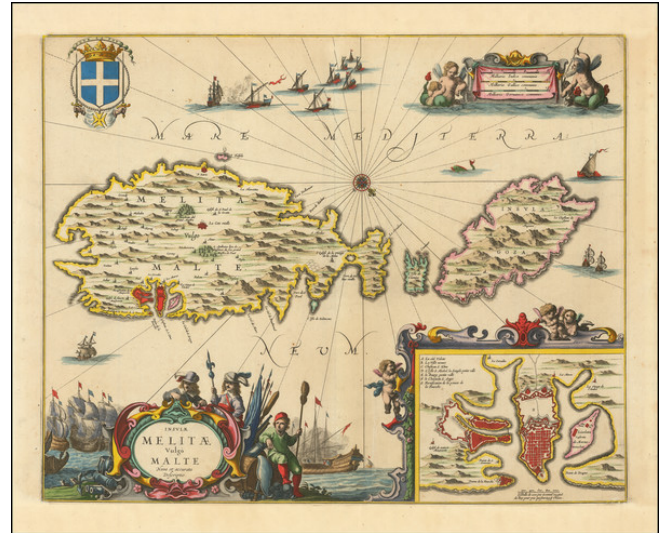
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Stock#: 89510
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1650 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Finely colored example of Jan Jansson's double-page engraved map of Malta from his *Atlas Novus*, oriented southwest, with an inset of Valetta. Filfla, the most southerly point in the Maltese archipelago and shown with a watchtower, is at the top of the map, above Zurrieq.

Several warring galleys are depicted, as are many watchtowers. In a somewhat central location and near "Il bozchetto" (the Buskett Gardens or il Boschetto) is "La Cité vieille", or the old capital, Mdina. Birgu, an important port and for a time the de facto capital, is shown on the peninsula to the left of Valletta. The Knights Hospitaller reigned from 1530 to 1798; the islands were under frequent siege, particularly from the Ottoman Empire.

A wonderfully decorative map and scarce on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Top and bottom margins expertly reinstated. Clean cut from the bottom edge, just to the left of the centerfold, about 1/3 of the way through the image, expertly mended on verso. Minor bleed-through of color to verso.