



17th century bird's-eye view of Rome

TEMPESTA, Antonio.  
 Roma.

Frankfurt: Matthias Merian, c.1650. Two sheets conjoined, total 310 x 715mm.

£1,600

A bird's-eye view of Rome, orientated with north to the left, with the Vatican lower left. Tempesta, a Florentine painter and engraver, produced his monumental map of Rome in 1593. Engraved on 12 folio sheets, it measured one metre by nearly 2.5 when pasted together. His view of the city was elongated to fit into his 2 by 6 sheet format. This reduction was published in Merian's 'Theatrum Europeum'.

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