

Martin Behaim, “Earth Apple” (c. 1491–94)

Abstract

The “Erdapfel” (literally: earth apple) by the chevalier Martin Behaim (1459–1507) is the oldest surviving globe. It was commissioned by the Nuremberg city council in 1492/93. The globe is now exhibited in the Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg. It depicts the known world before Columbus’s famous voyage in 1492.

Source



Source: Behaim Globe: Martin Behaim, Georg Glockendon the Elder, and others, Nuremberg, c. 1491–1494.

Material/technique: sphere made of various composite materials, opaque colored paint, wrought-iron frame, brass horizon ring. Germanisches Nationalmuseum Nuremberg, Inv.-Nr.: WI 1826. Available online at:

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