



## Globes in the Collection

### ***Modern Replica of the Globe ('Erdapfel') by Martin Behaim c.1492 Inventory No. 10116***

Martin (von) Behaim (1459 – 1507), was born into a merchant family in Nuremberg and was a mariner, cosmographer, astronomer, geographer and explorer in service to the King of Portugal. During the 'Age of Exploration', maps and charts depicting unknown or mythic regions were highly sought after and it is likely that King John II would have purchased maps and charts from Martin Behaim. During his visit to his native home in Nuremberg, in collaboration with the painter Georg Glockendon, Martin Behaim constructed his familiar terrestrial globe between 1491 and 1493, one of two globes, which he called the Erdapfel (literally, the earth apple). It is one of the earliest known extant terrestrial globes and conforms to an idea of a globe envisioned in 1475 by Pope Sixtus IV. It is preserved in the German National Museum in Nuremberg. [Ref: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_Behaim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Behaim)]



This is a modern facsimile of the famous 1492 globe ('Erdapfel') by Martin Behaim, made and sold by Flemmings Verlag in conjunction with the Kartographisches Institut, Hamburg. It is not currently on display at the Museum.