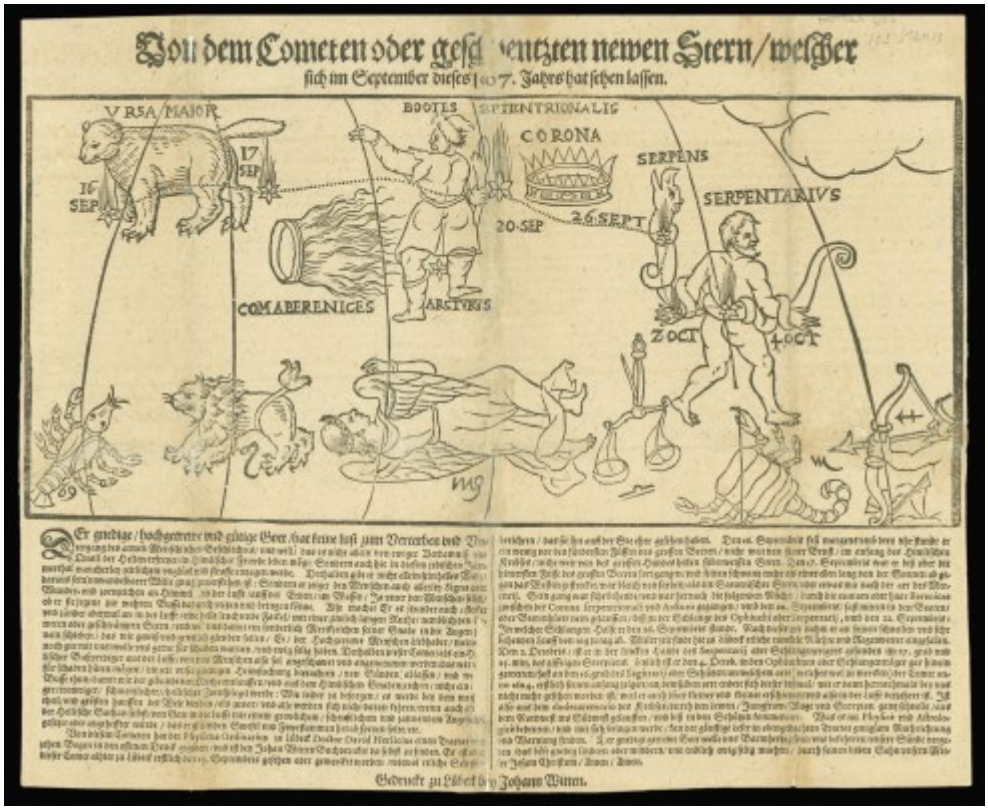


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HALLEY’S COMET IN 1607

Von dem Cometen oder geschwentzten newen Stern, welcher sich im September dieses 1607.

Author
HERLITZ, David

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Physical description
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Dimensions

Notes
Rare broadside, showing the track of Halley’s Comet through the sky in September of 1607.

The large woodcut shows figurative constellations with the track of the comet. The text below gives

information upon the comet and the constellations. Halley's apparition in 1607 would be the last before the invention of the telescope. Therefor astronomers such as Kepler and Herlitz were forced to use the naked eye.

The belief at the time – forward by Kepler – was that the comets formed spontaneously out of the 'ether' of the sublunary sphere. The tail arose from the release of cometary paticles through rays from the sun like mist or steam. It was also believed that if the comets tail came into contact with the earth, it would bring death and destruction.

Daniel Herlitz (or Herlicius) was Professor of Natural Philosophy in Lübeck.

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Bibliography
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