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## THE CONSTELLATIONS IN FRENCH

**Globe céleste.**

**Author**

DELURE, J[ean] B[aptiste]

**Publication date**

1705.

**Publisher**

Chez I. B. Delure Sur le quay de l'Or. ge [l'horloge] A. P. Du Roy,

**Publication place**

Paris,

**Physical description**

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**Dimensions**

Diameter: 150mm (5.5 inches).

**Notes**

## Biography

Jean Baptiste Delure (c1660-1736) was an editor and publisher of prints and maps, as well as an engineer of mathematical and scientific instruments. He also manufactured globes, but only two are recorded: the present celestial globe, and a terrestrial one of the same dimensions, produced in the same year. These were presumably designed as a pair.

## Astronomy

Delure presents the cartography in French. The equator and ecliptic are both graduated and labelled. The constellations are depicted as mythical beasts and creatures. Below "L'hydre femelle" appears a magnitude table labelled "Grandeur et Figure des Etoilles". The globe depicts 48 Ptolemaic constellations, as well as several non-Ptolemaic constellations.

## Bibliography

Dekker and van der Krogt fig. 39; 'Jean-Baptiste Delure' (Bibliothèque Nationale, 2019).

## Provenance

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