



HEBREW ASTROLABE

Spain, 14th century

This rare astrolabe is inscribed in Hebrew. It is one of less than ten astrolabes of its kind in the world!

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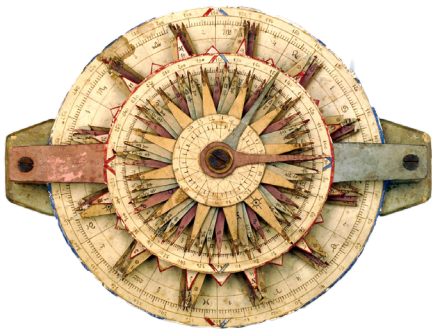


REFRACTING TELESCOPE

Italy, c. 1630

This is the oldest telescope outside of Europe—and one of the oldest in the world.

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ASTROLOGICAL VOLVELLE

Europe, c. 1680-1780

This mysterious device was probably used by a professional astrologer to compare birth charts and special events. But we're not really sure! This is the first time we've ever put this delicate instrument on display.

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CLOCK FRAGMENT: DOG

Germany, 17th century

This little fellow was originally part of a larger mechanical clock—when wound up, he would open his mouth and pant. He's never been on display before!

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GRAND ORRERY

Thomas Heath

England, 1740

This ornate and complex solar system model was originally made in 1740. When Uranus was discovered in 1781, it was expanded to include the new planet—but the maker used Uranus's first name, "Georgium Sidus" (George's Star—named after King George III).

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