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Hic-stans, 2025



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Chromed terrestrial globes

38x28x28 cm or 14,9 x 11 x 11 in

Edition of 18 ex + 2 AP

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Description:

"Hic-stans" means "the infinite greatness of space" or "a state of being here," and it refers to the concept of a place or space that holds immense, almost limitless significance or meaning, often transcending its physical boundaries and encompassing a vast sense of possibility or spiritual importance. This idea is frequently associated with the writings of Jorge Luis Borges, particularly his short story "The Aleph" where a single point in space contains the entirety of the universe.

This piece is inspired by Borges' extraordinary vision, best explained by quoting him directly:

"I saw in a cabinet in Alkmaar a terrestrial globe between two mirrors that multiplied endlessly...I saw the circulation of my dark blood, I saw the mechanism of love and the alteration of death... I saw the Aleph, from every angle, I saw in the Aleph the earth, and in the earth once again the Aleph, and in the Aleph the earth. I saw my face and my viscera, I saw your face, and I felt vertigo and I cried... because my eyes had seen that secret, hypothetical object, whose name men usurp, but which no man has truly seen: the inconceivable universe..."