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Dürer, Albrecht

Born Nuremberg, (Germany), 21 May 1471

Died Nuremberg, (Germany), 6 April 1528

German artist Albrecht Dürer is often credited with the first published star map. The 1515 woodcuts, printed in Vienna, accompanied text written by Johann Stabius. The imaginative constellation figures Dürer created were frequently copied. His famous engraving, *Melancholia I* (1514), uses a bright comet as its primary symbol.

Selected Reference

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