

# M A R T I N   C O O P E R

## T H E   A L M A G E S T

In the approximate year 150 AD, an Alexandrian astronomer named Claudius Ptolemaeus (better know as Ptolemy) produced the *Almagest*. The Almagest is a book of mathematical astronomy. It collated the astronomical knowledge of the ancient world, and contains a star catalogue of 1,025 stars. Ptolemy divided these stars into 48 constellations:

12 of the Zodiac

21 north of the Zodiac

15 south of the Zodiac

Modern astronomy list 88 constellations of which Ptolemy's 48 are incorporated. This body of work is inspired by Ptolemy's Almagest, and focuses on the band of constellations known as the **Zodiac**.