



18TH CENTURY FRENCH AUBUSSON TAPESTRY "THE PASTORAL MEAL" AFTER DAVID TENIERS

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This elegant and large antique tapestry was handwoven in Aubusson, France, circa 1750. Titled "The Pastoral Meal", the composition depicts a joyous countryside gathering in the manner of Flemish painter David Teniers. A lively group of villagers dine and converse around a rustic wooden table, while a flutist plays for two dancers nearby and a small dog begs eagerly for scraps. Framed by lush trees and foliage, the scene exudes warmth, conviviality, and charm typical of Rococo-era pastoral art. Rendered in soft tones of blue, beige, and green with subtle touches of red, the tapestry retains its original floral border and has been recently backed with new canvas for conservation. Aubusson tapestries represent the pinnacle of French weaving tradition. Originating in the Creuse region of central France, the Aubusson workshops flourished under royal patronage during the reign of Louis XIV. Renowned for their verdure and pastoral compositions, these handwoven textiles were created on low-warp looms ("basse lisse") using wool and silk to achieve remarkable tonal depth and painterly realism. Admired by European aristocracy for their grace and craftsmanship, Aubusson tapestries remain enduring symbols of French refinement and decorative artistry. Executed in fine wool and silk, this mid-18th century wall hanging is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with rich coloration and strong definition. Measures: 107" W x 96" H.