



MID-19TH CENTURY FRENCH AUBUSSON PASTORAL WALL TAPESTRY WITH FLORAL BORDER

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This antique French Aubusson tapestry, woven circa 1850, presents a refined pastoral composition in the Rococo Revival taste, depicting an idyllic countryside scene animated by elegantly dressed figures, playful children, and a graceful carriage procession set within a lush, wooded landscape. The scene unfolds with soft movement and narrative charm, framed by a richly woven floral border of garlands and bouquets, a hallmark of Aubusson production. Executed in wool and silk with subtle tonal variation, the tapestry displays a harmonious palette of blues, creams, soft greens, and warm earth tones, lending depth and atmosphere to the composition. The figures are rendered with delicate detail and expressive gestures, reflecting the enduring influence of 18th century pastoral designs associated with artists such as François Boucher. The border is particularly strong, with densely arranged florals and a classical inner guard, creating a visual frame that enhances the central vignette while adding decorative richness. Aubusson weavings of this period are prized for their balanced compositions and painterly quality. The tapestry has been fitted with a later backing, allowing for clean presentation and ease of installation. It is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with light, even wear consistent with its age. As typical with handwoven antique textiles, there is a slight irregularity in shape, with minor variation in width from top to bottom and side to side, a natural characteristic of the weaving process that enhances its authenticity and handmade character. Dimensions: 72"W x 84"H