17th-century Aubusson Tapestry Depicting A Roman Soldier



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wool

Description

An impressive and highly decorative 17th-century French Aubusson tapestry, handwoven in wool and silk, depicting a historical or biblical scene featuring a Roman soldier dressed in classical armor alongside a prophet.This remarkable antique tapestry is distinguished by its elegant figurative composition, rich textile craftsmanship and beautifully preserved colors.Measuring 282 × 166 cm (111 × 65.4 inches), the tapestry has a substantial decorative presence while retaining proportions particularly suitable for display in both classical and contemporary interiors.A Roman Soldier and a Prophet -- Historical and Biblical IconographyThe central composition depicts a Roman soldier wearing traditional armor in the presence of a prophet, suggesting a narrative inspired by classical history or biblical

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tradition.The juxtaposition of a military figure and a religious or prophetic character introduces an intriguing contrast between temporal authority and spiritual wisdom.Such subjects were frequently represented in European tapestry workshops during the 17th century, when historical, mythological and biblical narratives formed an important part of aristocratic decorative programs.The precise episode represented in this tapestry has not yet been identified, leaving an interesting opportunity for further iconographic research.Aubusson -- A Distinguished French Tapestry TraditionThe town of Aubusson, in central France, has been internationally celebrated for its tapestry production for centuries.During the 17th century, Aubusson workshops developed a distinguished reputation for producing finely woven tapestries depicting religious subjects, historical scenes, landscapes and classical mythology.These textiles were highly appreciated as luxurious decorative furnishings in European châteaux, aristocratic residences and important private collections.The present tapestry reflects this tradition through its figurative subject, traditional weaving techniques and sophisticated combination of wool and silk.Handwoven Wool and SilkThe tapestry is executed in wool and silk, materials traditionally employed in fine European tapestry weaving.Wool provides depth, structure and rich color, while silk introduces subtle luminosity and delicate tonal variations.The combination of these fibers allows for nuanced pictorial effects, particularly in the representation of garments, figures and architectural or landscape details.The surviving colors remain remarkably vibrant for a textile of this period, preserving much of the composition's visual impact.Condition and Historical CharacterThe tapestry is preserved in good overall antique condition, with normal signs of wear consistent with its age.Despite the passage of time, the colors remain attractive and vivid, an important feature for a textile attributed to the 17th century.The visible wear contributes

to its historical character without significantly diminishing its decorative appeal.A Remarkable Decorative TapestryWith its elegant proportions and compelling figurative subject, this tapestry would make an impressive wall decoration in a traditional residence, library, dining room or sophisticated contemporary interior.Its combination of classical imagery, historic craftsmanship and rich colors creates a striking visual presence.A beautiful 17th-century French Aubusson wool and silk tapestry, depicting a Roman soldier and a prophet, distinguished by its historical character, decorative quality and well-preserved coloration.DetailsObject: Antique Figurative TapestryOrigin: Aubusson, France, attributedPeriod: 17th CenturyStyle: French Baroque / Historical and Biblical TapestryMaterials: Wool and SilkTechnique: Handwoven TapestrySubject: Roman Soldier in Armor and a ProphetDate: 1600s, attributedDimensionsHeight: 282 cm (111 in)Width: 166 cm (65.4 in)ConditionGood overall antique condition.The tapestry shows normal age-related wear consistent with its stated period. The colors remain vivid and attractive, preserving the visual richness of the composition.Please refer to the photographs for further details of the textile and its condition.Keywords: Aubusson Tapestry, 17th Century French Tapestry, Antique Wool and Silk Tapestry, French Baroque Textile, Roman Soldier Tapestry, Biblical Tapestry, Prophet Tapestry, Antique Wall Hanging, Historical Figurative Tapestry, French Antique Textiles, Handwoven Aubusson, 17th Century Decorative Arts, Florin Antiques.