

Antique Rug Studio

18th Century French Aubusson Louis XVI Period Carpet

Description

This carpet is in amazingly good condition with only minimal repairs which have blended in well with the original fabric. Unlike many pieces of that period and type, this is a relatively oblong carpet, whereas it is more likely to encounter square formats woven to fit the rooms of contemporary residences.

The field is a soft sage green centered by a complex ivory quatrefoil medallion. The medallion periphery is formed by acanthus arabesques and scrolls. Within is a circular floral wreath enclosed by four square open knots. At the center is a bead and reel circle enclosing a laurel wreath which in turn centers an 8-petal motif.

At the four cardinal points is an urn on a stand. The style is neoclassical: a shaded blue amphora with large angular handles in yellow. This could be construed as an ormolu mounted porcelain. At the top and bottom, there is a further elaboration of the stand: a tapestry woven rug with a multicolored fringe is partially visible covering a table.

Connecting the urns are colorful garlands of flowers in the same style as the central wreath. Just outside the garlands are baskets of fruits and flowers. The corners of the field are further emphasized by bold arabesques twisting and curving into the open field along the sides. There are further multicolored swags connecting the troupe l'oeil tapestry stand covers to the corner arabesques. The whole effect is extremely vivid and strong, more masculine than the softer, less active pieces usually encountered from this period.

The border system is narrow and is a troupe l'oeil moulding with "X" style ribbon clasps around a ribbed band as was the case with all the best Aubusson work. This was a special order. The design is unique and the quality of the dyes, materials and execution is high.



Stock ID: #18422
General Rug Type: European

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Specific Rug Type:	Aubusson
Circa:	1750
Color:	Green
Origin:	France
Material:	Wool
Weave:	Flat Weave
Shape:	Rectangle
Width:	15' 3" (464.82 cm)
Length:	21' 6" (655.32 cm)