



Type: TAPESTRY

Origin: FRANCE

Circa: 18 Century

Size/Feet & Inches: 7'6" x 12'2"

Size/Meters: 2.29 x 3.71

Item Number: 8212

An antique Franco-Flemish mythological tapestry from the 18th century, featuring the goddess of the hunt, Diana with her attendant, Callisto. In this sultry scene, Diana reposes on a rock at right after bathing in a stream following a day's hunt. Her nymphs and attendants bathe with her, but then expose the shame of Diana's chief attendant, Callisto, at left, whose dalliance with the god Zeus has been discovered, despite her vows of chastity. This scene draws upon the myth delineated in Ovid's 'Metamorphoses,' in which Zeus later attempts to conceal the affair from his jealous wife, Hera, by transforming Callisto into a bear, but it backfires on him when the she-bear Callisto is later killed in a hunt by a recalcitrant Diana.

