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A wonderful French 19th century patinated bronze statue of Diana the Huntress, signed HOUDON. The statue is raised by a circular Rouge Griotte and moulded bronze base. The nude Diana is extremely well executed and seemingly walking while holding a bow in her left hand. All original patina. Jean-Antoine Houdon (1741-1828) A prominent French Neoclassical sculptor born in Versailles. Houdon is famous for his portrait busts and statues of philosophers, inventors and political figures. In 1785 he sculpted Benjamin Franklin upon his invitation to Mount Vernon where Franklin modeled for him. He was made a Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur in 1804.





