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A superb French mid 19th century Louis XVI st. patinated bronze bust of Diana the Huntress, signed HOUDON and SUSSE Frères. The bust is raised by a circular base with a fine wrap around berried laurel band and fluted socle support. Above is the beautiful Diana draped in an elegant flowing garment with a fine strap across her chest. She looks to her right with her hair tied in an updo with her symbolic crescent moon in her hair. All original rich and warm patina throughout.

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.





