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A beautiful and high quality French 19th century Louis XVI st. terra cotta statue, signed Clodion. The statue is raised by a lovely darker patina terra cotta base with a fine mottled design and a tied fluted wrap around band. The charming and exceptionally well executed grouping above depicts a mother and father playing with their two children. Each are draped in flowing garments wrapped in a lion's skin with a pan flute at his side and grapes in their hair. One child is sitting happily on his father's shoulders while the other is joyously dancing at their side while holding a pan flute. Each also displays finely detailed grapes in their hair and fine attention to detail. All original patina and lovely subject matter.

Claude Michel, aka Clodion (1738 – 1814) A renowned French Master sculptor born in Nancy, France. In 1755, Clodion went to Paris and was a pupil of J. B. Pigalle. In 1759 he obtained the grand prize for sculpture at the Académie Royale and in 1762 he went to Rome. His works were frequently exhibited at the Salon. Clodion's renowned works are displayed all over the world.

















