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Dimensions: H: 79 in / 200 cm

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Of Clotilde of France, Queen of Sardinia
And Marie Adélaïde of Savoy, Dauphine of France

Both noblewomen carved from marble and dressed in contemporary fashion, wearing luxurious flowing garments, their hair coiffed, done up and ribbon-tied. On Sienna marble octagonal pedestals. French, circa 1880

Literature:

The Two "Marie Adélaïde's"

The marble portrait busts represent two French royal figures, Clotilde of France and her great-grandmother Marie Adélaïde of Savoy. Marie Adélaïde Clotilde Xavière, known as Clotilde of France (1759-1802), was Queen of Sardinia and the younger sister of King Louis XVI of France, who was married to Marie Antoinette. Marie Adélaïde of Savoy (1685-1712) was the Dauphine of France and Duchess of Burgundy. The famous sculptor Antoine Coysevox portrayed the Dauphine as the Roman



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Goddess Diana (today at the Louvre), as well as sculpting her likeness upon which the present bust is based.