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A charming and extremely high quality French 19th century patinated bronze, ormolu and Brèche Violette marble statue of Le Baiser Donn , signed by Houdon. The statue is raised by a square Br che Violette marble base with a fine bottom ormolu fillet and a richly chased wrap around berried laurel band. The central fluted support is adorned with striking wonderful swaging fabric garlands tied by charming ribbons at floral finials. Above the ormolu mottled socle pedestal is the superb and most romantic patinated bronze bust of a handsome man kissing a beautiful woman while holding her in his arms. 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 L gion d'honneur in 1804.







