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A charming and extremely high quality French 19th century patinated bronze statue of Le Baiser Donné, signed by Houdon. The statue is raised by a square base below the socle shaped pedestal. Above, the superb and most romantic patinated bronze bust depicts a handsome man kissing a beautiful woman while holding her in his arms. All original 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.





