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A handsome Italian 18th century Louis XVI period Walnut and Tulipwood commode in the manner of Maggiolini. The three drawer chest is raised by elegant square tapered legs with beautiful intricately inlaid foliate marquetry designs also leading upwards flanking the drawers. Above the straight frieze are two sans traverse drawers (without crossbar) showcasing the cabinet maker's high skill set. The drawers are decorated with a stunning circular inlaid reserve spreading over each drawer depicting two birds with a branch in their beaks amidst farming tools and with richly chased ormolu keyhole escutcheons and berried laurel pulls all framed within a beautiful wrap around inlaid foliate band at the border. The top drawer displays a stunning array of intricately inlaid swaging floral garlands tied with charming bows connected to lovely urns and handsome cameos also framed within a fine wrap around inlaid foliate band. The sides are decorated in a similar manner with a superb inlaid central reserve of two birds with ribbons in their beaks while perched on an urn all framed within a beautiful foliate border. The top also displays the same inlaid reserve as on the two drawers with wonderful attention to detail. All original rich warm patina throughout.

Giuseppe Maggiolini (13 November 1738 – 16 November 1814), himself a marquetry-maker (intarsiatore), was the pre-eminent cabinet-maker (ebanista) in Milan in the later 18th century. In 1806, he was commissioned to produce a writing table in connection with Napoleon's coronation in Milan; this brought a resurgence of commissions, this time from Prince Eugène de Beauharnais and other Bonapartes, but in 1809 Maggiolini withdrew into retirement.



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