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A charming and extremely high quality French 19th century ormolu and Gris St. Anne marble statue of Le Baiser Donné, signed by Houdon. The statue is raised by an elegant circular Gris St. Anne marble base with a fine bottom stepped band and a striking mottled socle shape pedestal support. The most romantic ormolu statue above depicts 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 Légion d'honneur in 1804.





