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A beautiful and high quality French 19th century white Carrara marble bust signed Houdon. The bust is raised by an elegant socle shaped pedestal support with a square base, a wrap around mottled band, and a fine curved design. The bust above depicts a beautiful maiden with her richly sculpted hair tied in an updo. She is draped in a wonderfully executed flowing garment while covering herself with her arms at her chest.

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.





