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A box and its miniature figure, designed by L. Favrin

Era: Louis XVI, 18th century (box)

Era: first 19th century (miniature)

Materials: tortoiseshell, gold, ivory

Dim: D 8,2 cm (3.22 in) / H 2 cm (0.78in)

Charge hallmark: Interlaced LL, 1780-1786

Discharge hallmark: lapwing's head, Paris 1783-1786

Fermier general: Henri Clavel

A round Louis XVI bonbonnière in tortoiseshell and gold, featuring on its lid an early 19th-century ivory miniature depicting a young child seated, holding in his hand a string attached to a toy horse on wheels placed on a round table. The child, with a pale face and soft features, has light brown, slightly curly hair and wears an elegant period-inspired outfit: an open red jacket, a light beige waistcoat and a loose-fitting white shirt with an open collar. The dark, neutral background highlights the luminous face and colourful clothing. The bottom of the box features a criss-cross pattern of braided hair. The gold mounts are decorated with twisted and chiselled friezes all around the edges.