

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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ALS, Peder

Copenhagen 1726–1776

Painter, pupil of Gustav Pilo at the danske Kunstakademie in Copenhagen prior to 1750; gold medal 1755. He travelled to Rome and Paris (1757–62), where he studied with Anton Raphael Mengs and made numerous copies of works by Raphael, Titian, Correggio etc. Returning to Denmark in 1762, he devoted himself to portraiture, becoming court painter in 1763, member of the Kunstakademie 1764, professor 1766. A letter from the artist in Copenhagen sent to J. G. Wille in Paris, 30.VI.1763 (INHA) provides much information on his work. In spite of the foreign influences which Als brought back to Denmark, he became critical of the presence of foreigners at the Kunstakademie, and this led to the departure of many French artists as well as that of Pilo in 1772.

As well as painting in oils, Als produced works in pastel and the occasional miniature. The few undoubted pastels seem to display highly stylised physiognomies with globe-like eyes, later seen in Juel's work. As the range of his painting encompassed also a more realistic style, there may be other pastels which have not been recognised.

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Pastels

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J.1042.104 CHRISTIAN VII, konge af Danmark (1749–1808), 48x37.5 (Copenhagen, Statens Museum, KMS 1599) φ



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Anon. related pastels

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