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**BALZA DE FIRMI, Anne-
Jacquette-Jeanne-Marie-
Colombe-Honorée de, Mme de
Puymirol**

Toulouse 1763–1845

Mlle Balza, Balsac or Balzac de Firmi, or Firmy, was a pupil of Sabère, Suau and Roques, recorded between 1784 and 1788. A member of the family of magistrates at the parlement de Toulouse, she was the daughter of Jean-Jacques de Balza, baron de Firmi, who inherited the hôtel de Burta (56 rue Pharaon) in 1779, and his wife, née Jeanne-Anne de Berdolle de Goudouville. He was guillotined in 1794 for opposing the decrees of the Assemblée constituante. Only one daughter is recorded: Anne married Joseph-Marie-Louis de Puymirol, seigneur de Sirac (1744–1815) c.1788, and seems to have abandoned art.

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