

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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BÖTTNER, Wilhelm

Ziegenhain 1752 – Kassel 1805

Painter of portraits and mythological pictures; pupil of J. H. Tischbein in Kassel, before travelling to Düsseldorf, Paris (1773), Rome (1777), Vienna and Dresden. On his return to Kassel in 1784 he was appointed Hofmaler. A 1787 group portrait of the family of Wilhelm IX. von Hessen-Kassel is in the collection at Schloß Fasanerie. The status of a couple of pastels attributed to him is difficult to assess; they seem below the accomplishment shown in his oil portraits.

Monographic exhibitions

Böttner 2001: *Der Hofmaler Wilhelm Böttner. Porträtist und kasseler Hofmaler des Landgrafen Wilhelm IX.*, Kassel, Neue Galerie, 1.IV.–17.VI.2001. Cat. Stefanie Heraeus

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Pastels

J.172.101 [P]LUISE Königin von Preußen, née von Mecklenburg-Strelitz (1776–1810), pstl/pchm
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J.172.103 WILHELM IX. Landgraf von Hessen-Kassel (1743–1821), pstl/ppr, 49.5x40 (Schloß Ahlden, 22–23.IX.2006, Lot 1487 repr., attr., est. €950). Lit.: Thieme & Becker, IV, pp. 212f
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