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GANDOLFI, Ubaldo

San Matteo della Decima 1728 – Ravenna 1781
Member of a prolific family of artists; Ubaldo was the elder brother of Gaetano Gandolfi (*q.v.*), whose son Mauro (1764–1834) was also important. Ubaldo trained in Bologna and became a member of the academy there. Subsequently he worked all over Italy as well as in Vienna and Moscow. His pastels have a characteristic palette of pinks and browns, warm colours illuminated by the cold lighting shared with the works of Piazzetta, who undoubtedly influenced Gandolfi during his period in Venice. Although the attribution of the Louvre boy has been disputed between uncle and nephew, the costume would appear to predate Mauro's maturity.

Bibliography

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Pastels

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