

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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GRASSI, Nicola

Formeaso 1682 – Venice 1748

Nicola or Giannicola Grassi or Guassi. Pupil of Nicolò Cassana from 1697. He worked in Venice, Carnia, Bavaria, Dalmatia and Turin, producing religious and allegorical compositions in oil. As a portraitist he was regarded as the rival of, but “moins correct que”, Carriera; some sources describe him as a pastellist, perhaps by inference.

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