

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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KNOBELSDORFF, Georg Wenceslaus Freiherr von

Kuckädel bei Crossen/Oder 1699 – Berlin 1753
Knobelsdorff was a Prussian soldier before he turned exclusively to architecture and painting in 1730 as a result of ill health. He was responsible for the Berlin Staatsoper and Sans, Souci. He travelled to Italy in 1736–37 and to Paris in 1740. His portraits show the influence of his teacher Pesne. The 1734 pastel, made two years after a trip to Dresden, is an early example of a neo-classical profile of a kind that became popular much later.

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Pastels

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