

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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KRAUS, Franz Anton

Söflingen 19.II.1705 – Einsiedeln 29.VI.1752

The German artist Kraus or Krause was born in poverty, but a wealthy patron took him to Italy, where he spent seven years in Piazzetta's studio in Venice. He was in France (Paris, Dijon and Lyon) from 1732 to 1743. Most of the small known output is of religious paintings, but he took up pastel portraiture to earn money.

Bibliography

Constans 1969; Descamps & Dezallier d'Argenville 1842, III, pp. 224f; Grove 1996; Füllli 1806; Nagler 1835–52; Pilkington 1770

Pastels

J.4356.101 Homme en habit violet, jabot blanc, 46x39, sd *verso* "Kraus fecit, 1737" (Dijon, mBA, inv. 4654. Acqu. 1965). Lit.: Quarré 1968, p. 467; Constans 1969, fig. 1; Dijon 1972, no. 20 n.r. φσ



J.4356.151 Dame en robe blanche, manteau rouge, pstl/pchm, 46x37, sd *verso* "Kraus f Ponsus/Sponsam Pinxit/1736" (Nancy, Nabécor, 22.VI.2019, Lot 348 repr., est. €100) [new attr.] φν

