

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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KÜGELGEN, Franz Gerhard von

Bacharach 6.II.1772 – Dresden 27.III.1820

With his twin brother, the landscape painter Carl Ferdinand, von Kügelgen or Kügelchen was sent to Rome in 1791 by Max Franz Kurfürst von Köln in whose service his father worked. In 1795 he travelled in the Baltic (Riga etc.), living in St Petersburg until 1803 where he had a successful practice as a portrait painter. He moved to Dresden in 1805. His portrait of Schiller (c.1809) exists in many versions, one said to be in pastel. From the same period dates a youthful portrait of Schopenhauer, one version described as in pastel; the watercolour version in Schweinfurt is now plausibly attributed to Caroline Bardua (1781–1864), one of von Kügelgen's his pupils in Dresden. She, was reported as having copied Mengs's pastel *Amor* "mit einer leichten und doch sichern Hand glücklich ausgeführt" in 1810.

Bibliography

Bénézit; Grove 1996; Constantin von Kügelgen, *Gerhard von Kügelgen als Porträt und Historienmaler*, 1901; *Morgenblatt für gebildete Stände*, 19.X.1810, p. 1001f; Schweinfurt 2003

Pastels

SELBSTBILDNIS im grünen Frack, pnt., 1807

J.4382.051 ~repl., pstl/pchm, 52.8x42.5, p.1807 (Adam Oehlenschläger, Copenhagen. Berlin, Griesbach, 27.XI.2019, Lot 167, est. €30–40,000) φ



J.4382.101 Tsar ALEXANDER 1st (1777–1825), m/u

J.4382.102 ~cop., pstl/ppr, 39.5x31.5 ov. (Paris, Drouot, Leclere, 8.XII.2015, Lot 86 repr., est. €8–9000; Paris, Drouot, Leclere, 22.IV.2016, Lot 1 repr., est. €7000–7500; Munich PC; Monaco, Hermitage Fine Art, 25.II.2021, Lot 13 bis, est. €8–10,000) φκ



J.4382.104 Carl Ludwig FERNOW (1763–1808), Kunstschriftsteller, pstl, 79.8x54.7, c.1806 (Weimar, Landesbibliothek, inv. KGe/00914). Lit.: *Neue deutsche Biographie*, v, 1961, p. 98f n.r. φ



Johann Christoph Friedrich von SCHILLER (1759–1805), Dichter, pnt., 73x61, c.1808 (Frankfurt, Goethemuseum)

J.4382.106 ~version, pstl, c.1810 (Marbach) φ
~version, watercolour, 31.2x25.9 (Schweinfurt, Museum Georg Schäfer, inv. CI-28). Exh.: Schweinfurt 2003, no. 109 repr.

J.4382.11 Damenportrait, pstl (Galerie Heinemann, acqu.26.III.1913; sold 7.VIII.1913: Dr Freiherr von Wolff, Gräfeling)