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LE SUEUR, Blaise-Nicolas

Paris 1716 – Berlin 1783

Also Lesueur. A pupil of J.-B. Van Loo, the French artist was in Berlin from 1748, and succeeded Pesne as Direktor of the Kunstakademie from 1756. He was the author of *Principes du dessin*, 1765. Mariette said that he “fit beaucoup mieux ses affaires à Berlin que s’il était resté à Paris”. Among his pupils was Paul Joseph Bardou (*q.n.*), who, together with Johann Heinrich Schmidt, favoured the small octagonal format found in the pastel of a Herr von Schack which Börsch-Supan thinks is Le Sueur’s only pastel. Studies of the nude played an important part in his teaching method; the example in Warsaw is essentially a three-crayon drawing with touches of pastel.

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