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MASQUELIER, Louis-Joseph

Cysoing, près de Lille 1741 – Paris 1811

Engraver and draughtsman; trained at the École de dessin de Lille; pupil of Le Bas. He exhibited engravings at Lille from 1773 and at the Paris salons between 1793 and 1803, often in association with his partner Née. Masquelier le père is known for his many engravings and book illustrations and in particular for *La Galerie de Florence*, a series which he directed. There is some confusion with the work of his son Claude-Louis (1781–) and another relative, incorrectly described as Louis-Joseph's son and younger brother (his father was a gardner), Nicolas-François-Joseph Masquelier (1760–1809), who seems to have been exclusively an engraver; he is said to sign with his initials or as Masquelier le jeune. Sée 1922 thinks that the family might be distantly related to that of John James Masquerier (*q.v.*) despite the difference in spelling.

Bibliography

Bénézit; P&B; Sanchez 2004

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J5208.101 La famille de Claude HOIN, gch., pstl/ppr, 47x34, sd v “Masquelier ft 1799” (Dijon, mBA, inv. 4811) Φσ



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