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MENGS, Julia Charlotte

Bohemia c.1730 – Marca d’Ancona p.1806

The younger sister of Anton Raphael Mengs, Julia, or Juliane, was also a court painter but entered the Belvedere Convent in Marca d’Ancona, Italy, in 1765, under the name of Sister Maria Speranda. The two portraits of the sisters (*n.* Theresia Concordia Mengs) have been the subject of considerable confusion, sources such as Roettgen 2003 suggesting that each is a self-portrait. No other pastel by Julia seems to be known.

Bibliography

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