

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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MENGARDI, Giovanni Battista

Padua 1738 – Venice 1796

Also Giambattista Mingardi. Painter, engraver, frescoist and pastellist, responsible for religious paintings and some portraits in the Veneto region; he spent most of his time in Venice. Among numerous pupils he taught Antonio Fabris Zanotti. Two pastels were reported in 1793 as in the collection of conte Girolamo Silvestri and (presumably the same, although differently described) in 1858; one is signed, the other is said to be distinctly Tiepolesque in style.

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Pastels

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