

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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ORŁOWSKI, Aleksander

Warsaw 9.III.1777 – St Petersburg 13.III.1832
Also Alexander, Aleksandr Ossipovich Orlovsky; Polish painter and draughtsman. He trained in Warsaw under Norblin and Bacciarelli from 1793, at the instigation of Izabela Czartoryska. The following year he participated in the Kościuszko rebellion. In 1802 he went to Lithuania and then to St Petersburg, where he settled, working for the Grand Duke Konstantin. A freemason, he was a friend of Pushkin and other progressive intellectuals. He was a prolific pastellist, but all the known works belong to the nineteenth century and are not catalogued here (a number will be found in Warsaw 2015; two were exhibited in St Petersburg 1905).