

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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### BELLE, Clément-Louis-Marie-Anne

Paris 16.XI.1722–29.IX.1806

History painter; the son of Alexis-Simon Belle (*q.v.*) by his second marriage to Marie-Nicole Horthemels (1689–p.1745). Clément Belle was *agr  * 1759, *re  * 1761; recteur-adjoint 1785; and was appointed professeur de dessin des ouvriers et apprentis de la manufactures des Gobelins 1763. His name is sometimes given as “Lebel” (Mancel 1837, who also missprints the year of birth as 1772); it is unclear if he was the “Cl  ment Lebel, peintre” called upon to value the pictures and prints in Madeleine Basseporte’s inventaire apr  s d  c  s.

The subject of a fine pastel by Loir, the only indication that he was himself a pastellist is the statement in abb   de Fontenai (*Dictionnaire des artistes..., 1776*, I, p. 10)–

Le directeur fait dessiner & peindre au pastel, deux heures par jour, ceux qui sont destin  s & attach  s    la fabrique de la manufacture. Il est encore permis    tous ceux qui le desirent, d’y aller prendre des le  ons.

### Bibliography

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