

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **CHAZERAND, Claude-Louis- Alexandre**

Besançon 1757–1795

Religious painter. He was the son of a street vendor; at the age of 12 he was spotted by M. de Lacoré, who sent him to study with Wyrsch. Six years later he beat Jourdain to first place in the competition. Around 1780 he was engaged by the parlementaire Camus to paint the magnificent ceiling at his hôtel in Besançon, built by Bertrand. His dissolute life led to his early demise.

### **Bibliography**

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### **Pastels**

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