

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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Daughter and sister of miniaturists (her sister married Alexis-Simon Belle, *q.v.*), herself a musician and femme de lettres, she was *reçue* by the Académie de peinture as a portraitist in 1672 on her conversion to Catholicism. In 1699 she became a member of the Accademia dei Ricoverati in Padua. She married a M. Le Hay, ingénieur du roi, in 1708. She specialised as a miniaturist in enamel and gouache, and was known for numerous self-portraits in oil. The suggestion that she worked in pastel has not been traced beyond Greer 2001, who may have been confused by a passage in the marquis d'Argens's account discussing her and Rosalba in the same sentence.

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