

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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DUNKARTON, Robert

London 1744 – c.1810

The celebrated mezzotint engraver started as a portraitist in pastel, exhibiting some twenty pastels at the Society of Artists from 1768 to 1771 and the Royal Academy between 1774 and 1779 from the Strand. Among his engravings was one piece after a pastel by Russell (Joss, 1770).

Bibliography

Bénézit; Saur; Sée 1911; Waterhouse 1981

Pastels

John HENDERSON (1747–1785), actor, as Hamlet, pstl, 45x41 ov., sd \surd “R. Dunkarton/pinx 1776”, Royal Academy 1776, no. 91, “a gentleman in the character of Hamlet” (London, NPG 1919. Glyn family; Christie’s, 17.III.1877, Lot 4; John Heugh; London, Christie’s, 10.V.1878, Lot 72, 9½ gns; Edmond Robert Wodehouse (1835–1914), 1893; Mrs Wodehouse, [née Adela Harriet Sophia Bagot (1854–1921)] of 56 Chester Square, London; sale p.m., London, Christie’s, 14.X.1921, Lot 224, 8 gns; Taylor. Ernest E. Leggatt; don p.1923). Exh.: London 1975, no. 38. Lit.: Ingamells 2004, p. 253 repr., as don 1919 Φ

Gentleman; & pendant: lady, pstl/ppr, 25.5x19.5 (London, Bonhams Chelsea, 22.V.2001, Lot 380 n.r./repr., est. £600–800, b/i; London, Bonhams Chelsea, 22.V.2001, Lot 526 n.r./repr., est. £300–400, £280) Φ
Seven portraits, crayons, Royal Academy 1774, no. 69
Four small portraits, crayons, Royal Academy 1775, no. 105
Small whole length, crayons, Royal Academy 1775, no. 106



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?John HENDERSON, pstl/ppr, 26x21, 1773 (London, Sotheby’s, 16.XI.1989, Lot 30 n.r.)

?Mr MCCARTHY, in a red waistcoat, pstl, 21x17.5 ov., inscr. *verso* “R. Donkarton/pinx/Au Hon/Mr McCarthy/bought in Dublin/1892/L. Loo/z 1225” (Mme Carven. Paris, Tajan, 19.XII.2001, Lot 143 n.r., vers 1790, est. Fr6–8000)

Gentleman, crayons, Royal Academy 1776, no. 92

Three portraits of gentlemen, crayons, Royal Academy 1778, no. 94

Lady, pstl, Society of Artists 1768, no. 53

Lady in the character of Comedy, crayons, Royal Academy 1776, no. 90

Young lady, crayons, Royal Academy 1776, no. 93

Lady, crayons, Royal Academy 1779, no. 80

Lady in a blue dress with a child playing with a dog in a landscape, pstl, 68.5x46 ([Mrs Bowring-Hanbury] London, Puttick & Simpson, 31.V.1932, Lot 7 n.r.)