

FOUQUET, Jean-Baptiste

Verdun c.1761 – p.1799

The miniaturist Fouquet is known for his collaboration with Gilles-Louis Chrétien, inventor of the “physionotrace”. Hitherto little has been known about him, but Lemoine-Bouchard 2008 has established a biography, without precise dates. Fouquet enrolled in the école de l'Académie in Paris between 1776 and 1780, under the protection of Pierre. Based on his stated age of 17 on 7.IV.1776 and origin (natif de Verdun), he might be Adrien-Jean-Baptiste Fouquet baptised in Belleray, 6.VI.1760. He exhibited a picture at the Salon de la Correspondance in 1781. Later he showed miniatures and landscapes.

Chrétien developed his machine for producing engraved profiles in 1786. Initially Quenedey produced the drawings for Chrétien to engrave, but this partnership ended in 1789 and Quenedey was replaced by Fouquet by 1792. During the period 1792 to 1798, Chrétien and Fouquet exhibited hundreds of such works at the Salons. Of the original drawings very few survive, but the records indicate a varied clientèle from the bourgeoisie to the Bourbon family. Their engravings, for example of Marat, were widely disseminated.

The attribution of profiles in coloured chalk (and the extent to which pastel was used, if at all) remains tentative, in view of the multiplicity of work of this kind at the end of the century. Several of these have been restored to Vallayer-Coster.

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~grav. Chrétien

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