Neil Jeffares, Dictionary of pastellists before 1800

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GRÉTRY, Mme André, née Jeanne-Marie Grandon

Lyon 8.IX.1746 - Paris 16.III.1807 Daughter of the Lyon painter Charles Grandon (1691-1762), who supported Greuze at the beginning of his career; a number of members of this family became artists. She married the composer André-Ernest-Modeste Grétry (1741-1813) in Paris on 3.VII.1771, having already borne one of their three daughters. All three girls died before the age of 20, but one, Lucie, had already become a composer of note. They were depicted in their mother's pastel which hung in the bedroom at the Ermitage, Montmorency (Rousseau's former residence), which Grétry had acquired around 1798. Mme Grétry's own portrait by Mme Romany is recorded, as well as what seems to be her selfportrait, in pastel. Of her husband, numerous portraits (by Isabey, Vigée Le Brun, Dumont, Stouf and others) are known; Vigée Le Brun records in her Souvenirs the frequent dinners hosted by the sculptor Lemoyne, attended by Grétry and La Tour.

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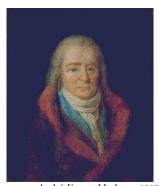
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J.36.101 AUTOPORTRAIT, pstl

1.36.102 André-Ernest-Modeste GRETRY (1741–1813), compositeur, pstl (Liège, musée Grétry. Don ville de Liège). Lit.: Hippolyte Fierens-Gevaert, Musée Grétry, catalogue illustré, 1913, p. 21, no. 1 n.r.; Bruyr 1931, pl. 1, attr. φα



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J.36.106 André-Ernest-Modeste GRETRY, sa fille Lucile-Angélique-Dorothée-Louise Grétry (1772–1790), compositeur, et ses deux sœurs Jenny et Antoinette, pstl

J.36.107 La mère de GRETRY, pstl