

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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GRISONI, Giuseppe

Mons 1699 – Rome 1769

Italian portraitist and religious painter and sculptor. Gabburri says he was born in Florence of a Flemish father, but modern sources say he was born in Mons. He studied drawing and painting under Tommaso Redi; came to England around 1720 with John Talman, returning to Florence in 1728 with his pupil, William Hoare. He moved to Rome in 1735. Few pastels are known. His pictures were collected by connoisseurs such as Gabburri and the amateur pastellist Andrea Gerini.

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Pastels

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