

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## GUÉRIN, François

Paris c.1725 – Strasbourg 1791

Painter, miniaturist and draughtsman; adjoint à professeur at the Académie de Saint Luc; rue Neuve-Saint-Médéric. Guérin exhibited one pastel and a number of oil paintings of religious or mythological subjects at the Académie de Saint-Luc from 1751 until 1756; there is no record of the first name of this painter, although most sources assume that he is the same as the François Guérin who was *agréé* à l'Académie royale, 1761, *reçu* 1761, and exhibited various genre scenes and portraits at the Salons from 1761 to 1783. Some of these seem to have been in pastel, although a larger number of drawings in coloured chalk may give rise to confusions. François's date of birth is uncertain, but if the identification with the saint-lucien painter is correct, he cannot have been born c.1740 as some sources suggest. While the possibility remains that two artists have been conflated, pictures were noted in the livrets of both académies as owned by wealthy connoisseurs such as Boulongne, Buchelay de Savalette, de Gourgues, and the abbés Breteuil and Pommyer. Jean-Baptiste Massé, who owned a miniature by Guérin, says that he was a pupil of Natoire.



### Bibliography

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### Pastels

Viscountess DILLON, *née Henrietta Phipps* (Basildon Park, National Trust), v. *Le Gendre*

?Mme de GENLIS, la dame avec harpe, pstl/ppr, 39.7x30.8 (Paris PC; Monaco, Sotheby's, 22.II.1986, Lot 22 repr., attr. Jean-Antoine de Peters, inconnue, est. £40–60,000; New York, Sotheby's, 13.I.1988, Lot 148 repr., as inconnue). Attr. [?; cf. Legendre] **◆**



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Une tête, coiffée d'un chapeau de paille, pstl, Salon de Saint-Luc 1751, no. 31

### Anon. related pastels

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