

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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LEMAIRE, Jacques-François

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14.VIII.1780

Lemaire (who does not seem to have been closely related to the Paris family of artists) was a member of the household of the bishop of Saint-Omer in 1752 when he married a Marie-Dominique Mercier. Apparently this audomarois portrait painter left “une foule de bons portraits”, among them a series of priests at the abbaye de Saint-Bertin (one of which is in pastel), collected by a M. de Laplane and displayed in a learned society in Saint-Omer in 1862. The pastel is likely to date to after 1774 when the subject became abbaye de Saint-Bertin, and employs a *di sotto in sù* perspective. Lemaire also painted the altarpiece at ND des Miracles, Saint-Omer; a 1776 topographical painting with a bird’s-eye view of the abbaye by Lemaire (Saint-Omer, musée) is also known.

Bibliography

Bénézit; p. 153; *Bulletin historique de la Société des antiquaires de la Morine*, 1862–66, III, p. 158; Charles Revillion, *Recherches sur les peintres de la ville de Saint-Omer*, Saint-Omer, 1904, pp. 161ff

Pastels

J.4734.101 Dom Adrien-François-Florimond, dit Joscio, DALENNES (1736–1804), 83^e et dernier abbé de Saint-Bertin, en buste, pstl, ov., p.1774 (Saint-Omer, Société des antiquaires de la Morine). Lit.: *Bulletin historique de la Société des antiquaires de la Morine*, 1862–66, III, p. 158; 1912–22, XIII, pp. 291, 332φ



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J.4734.104 ~repl., min. (comte de Loisne 1912)

Portraits in other media

J.4734.106 Le cardinal de CHOISEUL, 82^e abbé commandataire de Saint-Bertin 1764–74, m/u (Société des antiquaires de la Morine 1862)

J.4734.107 Dom Albert DELCROIX, d’Equires, ancien coadjuteur, m/u (Société des antiquaires de la Morine 1862)

J.4734.108 Dom Clément DESCAMPS, s “Lemaire p.”, 1771 (sitter; desc.:Charles Revillion 1904)

J.4734.109 Maximilien LIOT, ancien prieur, m/u (Société des antiquaires de la Morine 1862)

J.4734.11 Benoit PETIT PAS, 80^e abbé commandataire de Saint-Bertin, m/u (Société des antiquaires de la Morine 1862)

J.4734.111 Dom François VERDEVOYE, dernier grand prieur, m/u (Société des antiquaires de la Morine 1862)