

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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LESUIRE, Pierre-André

Rouen 1742 – p.1791

Also Le Suire. Listed in the *Almanach des peintres* for 1777 as an artist resident in Rouen, member of the Académie de Rouen, and a painter in oil, pastel, miniature and enamel. A number of his miniatures and enamels are in the musée de Laval, but few pastels are known. His wife, née Justine Corranson, was also a miniaturist; her 1783 portrait of her husband is also in Laval. He was a nephew of the writer and art critic Robert-Martin Lesuire (1737–1815), in two of whose novels (*Ma première aventure par Mirabeau*, 1798; and *Première suite de l'aventurier François*, 1787) the narrator is supposedly a practicing pastellist.

Bibliography

Abraham 1891; Bénézit; Chennevières 1847–62; Lemoine-Bouchard 2008; Ratouis de Limay 1946; Sanchez 2004; Schidlof 1964

Pastels

Le baron d'INJINIEUR [?]; & pendant: la baronne, pstl, 62x46, sd "Lesuire pinxit/1763" (Paris, Bailly-Pommery, Voutier & Associés, 30.VI.2008, Lot 9 n.r., b/i; Vichy, Guy Laurent, 22.XI.2008) ♪



Homme à la veste bleue, pstl, 57x46, sd "Lesuire pt/1.76" (Paris, Tajan, 24.III.2004, Lot 131 n.r., est. €2–3000; Paris, Tajan, 20.X.2004, Lot 110 repr., est. €1500–2000, €3730) ♠



Junge Frau mit Musikinstrument, pstl/ppr, 40x30, sd "Le Suire invenit et pinxit 1767" (Vienna, Dorotheum, 6.V.1997, Lot 294 repr., attr., est. DM16–20,000) ♪