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MARIA CHRISTINA Erzherzogin von Österreich

Vienna 13.V.1742-24.VI.1798

The Erzherzogin known as "Marie Christine" (or Mimi) was christened Maria Christina Johanna Josepha Antonia. In 1766 she married Albert Kasimir Herzog von Sachsen-Teschen (1738-1822). Several members of Maria Theresia's family were active as amateur artists (v.q. Marie-Antoinette) in various media, including chalk, gouache and possibly pastel. Some gouache drawings (one after a Troost print) at Schönbrunn (described as in pastel in some sources) were thought to be hers until Vienna 2017b when they were recognised as the work of her sister-in-law, Isabelle de Bourbon-Parme (q.v.). Isabelle is more likely to be the "archiduchesse Marie" who paid 450 florins for 4 months' lessons with Pierre-Joseph Lion (q.v.) during his stay in Vienna 1760-68.

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