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MERTENS, Johannes Cornelis

Amsterdam 1745–1821

Pupil of Elliger and Quinkhard at the Tekenacademie in Amsterdam; he then travelled to Antwerp for two years, and later stayed in Utrecht. He was admitted to the Sint-Lucasgilde in Amsterdam in 1775. Initially he painted in oil, but later worked as a draughtsman and in pastel.

Bibliography

Balkema 1844, p. 204; Bénézit; Immerzeel 1842, II, p. 215; Scheen 1981, p. 343; Thieme & Becker

Pastels

Michiel DIEDRICHS, pstl/vl, 62x50, sd "J. C. Mertens Fecit 1772"; & pendant: spouse, née Helena Siebels, pstl/vl, 62x50, sd "J. C. Mertens 1774" (Rijksmuseum inv. SK-A-2168/2169. Legs Veuve Diedrichs, Amsterdam, 1905). Lit.: Thiel 1976, repr. **Φ**



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