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MEYER, Johann Heinrich

Zurich 1760 – Jena 1832

Known as Goethe-Mayer. He was a pupil of Johann Caspar Füssli. He met Goethe in Rome during his stay there 1784–89, and followed him to Weimar in 1791 where, in 1806, he was appointed director of the Fürstlichen freien Zeichenschule. One sheet, after Raphael, uses coloured chalks in a rather modern style. He influenced Johanna Schopenhauer (*q.v.*) to work in pastel after her arrival in Weimar in 1806, and was responsible with Goethe for the appointment of Luise Seidler as tutor of the duke's daughters.

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Pastels

Maria in Ohnmacht, pstl/ppr, 69.8x53.3
[c.1800] (Weimar, SWKK, inv. KGe/01371).
A/r Raphael pnt., Entombment φ

