

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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MIGNARD, Pierre

Troyes 1612 – Paris 1695

Religious and portrait painter; premier peintre du roi, recteur, chancelier and directeur of the Académie de Saint-Luc, 1690 (he refused to enter his rival Le Brun's Académie royale). A pupil of Vouet, he was in Troyes until 1636, in Italy for the next 20 years, returning to Paris (via Avignon) in 1657. A number of sheets "de la main de M. Mignard" in his posthumous inventory are described as "pastels". These may have included the anonymous "quinze testes au pastel dessinées d'après le Guide" sold by the artist's widow to the comtesse de Feuquières (along with 27 similar sheets by Carracci and others). Several anonymous pastel copies of his celebrated oil portraits are probably later.

Bibliography

"Nouveau documents sur le peintre Pierre Mignard", *Archives de l'art français*, VIII, 1892, pp. 253, 255; Grove; Sanchez 2004

Pastels

20 têtes, pstl, (Mignard; inv. p.m., 5.IX.1695, no. 40, 100 livres)

=?15 têtes, pstl, a/r Guido Reni (Mme Mignard; acqu. comtesse de Feuquières, 4.I.1697)

5 têtes, pstl, (Mignard; inv. p.m., 5.IX.1695, no. 10, 14 livres)

Vingt-cinq desseins représentant différentes têtes & portraits, tant au pastel, qu'au crayon, par Mignard, du Moutier, de Troyes, &c. (Quentin de Lorangère; vente p.m., Paris, Gersaint, 2.III.1744 & seq., Lot 48)

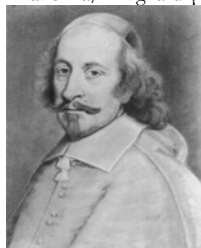
Anon. related pastels

??La comtesse de GRIGNAN, pnt. (Uffizi, inv. 1890 n.989). Exh.: Florence 1977, no. 62

~cop., pstl, ?XVIII^e (Swiss PC) φ

Cardinal Jules MAZARIN (1602–1661), pnt., c.1658 (Chantilly, musée Condé, inv. PE 314)

~cop., pstl, 33x28 (Pierre Chévrier 1933, 1937. PC 2011). Exh.: Paris 1933b, no. 37 n.r.; Paris 1937a, no. 107, as Nanteuil. Lit.: Lugt 605a; Adamczak 2011, no. R.26, repr., p. 275, as anon. a/r Mignard φ



La marquise de MONTESPAN, née Athénaïs de Rochechouart (1641–1707)

~pstl ancien, a/r Mignard

=?Mlle de La Vallière, pstl (François-Martial Marcille; vente p.m., Paris, Pillet, 4–7.III.1857, Lot 270 n.r., as autograph)

~~cop. Pierre Franque, pnt. (MV 3541). Lit.: Soulié 1861, p. 167 n.r., as of la duchesse de La Vallière; Constans 1995, no. 1822 repr., as a/r Mignard pnt.

Jean RACINE (1639–1699), poète dramatique

~cop., pstl, 51.4x43.3 (Prault; vente p.m., Paris, Le Brun, 27.XI.1780, Lot 37)