

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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NAIGEON, Jean-Claude

Dijon 1753–1832

Brother of Diderot's friend and editor Jacques-André; both were associated with the artists Prud'hon, Jean-Baptiste Regnault and François Baudelaire, father of the poet. Jean-Claude was a pupil of Devosge at the École de dessin de Dijon; he exhibited portraits, history, mythological and religious pastels and paintings from 1771 to 1777. Claude Hoin was a witness to his marriage in Paris in 1787. He then studied with David, and travelled to Rome before returning to Dijon to succeed Devosge as professeur de dessin at the école de Dijon in 1812. He was made a chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur and conservateur du musée du Luxembourg. In his own collection was a pastel by La Tour, of Mlle Clairon. Like most of Devosge's students he produced pastels at Dijon, but they were not a major part of his output. The basis for the attribution for the 2001 sale is unclear.

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Pastels

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