

SAVART, Marie-Joseph-Hyacinthe

Reims 1735 – Martinique 1801

Savart was the son of a procureur du bailliage de Reims; by 1765 he was in Guadeloupe, where he married the widow of a weaver. Savart is described as a “maître peintre” on the baptismal certificate of his son Antoine (1768–1845) who became a soldier in Martinique, where his parents joined him.

Savart’s only known work shows four creole women displaying their wares – a pile of ironed lined, a joint of meat and a basket of pastries balanced on the head of one (the other three figures wear the traditional bamboche headdress).

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Pastels

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