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SCHENAU, Johann Eleazar

Zeissig, genannt

Zittau 1737 – Dresden 1806

Schenau was the son of weavers. An early talent for drawing led to his being sent to Dresden at the age of 12. He was taught at the Akademie by Louis de Silvestre's son François-Charles. In 1756 he travelled to Paris in 1756, where he worked with Johann Georg Wille. He also came under the influence of Boucher, Doyen, Bouchardon, Greuze and La Tour, and copied Italian old master paintings. He returned to Dresden in 1770, becoming Direktor of the drawings school at Meißen in 1773, and later heading the Dresdner Kunstakademie. He taught Vogel (*q.v.*).

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