

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **SEYDELMANN, Crescentius**

### **Josephus Jacob**

Dresden 1750–1829

Pupil of Bellotti and Mengs, in Rome 1772–79. He married the miniaturist Apollonie de Forgue in 1784. Seydelmann specialised in highly finished monochrome drawings in sepia wash, some of which (e.g. the portrait of the adventurer Casanova in Munich, Staatsbibliothek) have been erroneously described as in pastel. A poorly preserved copy after Mengs is the only evidence that Seydelmann actually worked in this medium.

#### **Bibliography**

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#### **Pastels**

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