

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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VAN DIEST, Johan

England c.1680 – c.1760

Son of the Dutch landscape painter Adriaen Van Diest, who settled in England in 1672 with his father Willem, a marine painter. Reputedly a pupil of Kneller, and a protégé of Ralph Allen of Bath, Johan seems to have been introduced to crayons by Dr William Borlase (*q.v.*) when he was in Bath in 1730 (as inferred from a scribbled sentence in a letter by Dr Oliver of 7.III.1734).

Bibliography

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