

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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XAVERY, Jacob

The Hague 1736–1770

Also Xaverius; the son of the sculptor Jan Baptist Xavery (*q.v.*) was trained by Jacob de Wit (*q.v.*) and J. van Huyssem. He became a flower painter but also produced history paintings, group portraits and trompe-l'œil pieces, as well as some drawings in mixed media including pastel, watercolour and chalk. He went to Paris in 1769, shortly before the death of his Amsterdam patron Gerrit Braamcamp. Two pastel portraits were listed in the Braamcamp collection. Xavery's lost portrait of Braamcamp (medium unknown) was engraved by Vinkeles in 1766.

Bibliography

Bénézit; Lemoine-Bouchard 2008

Pastels

La célèbre Monti [Sig.ra Pietro Isaia Nieri, née Gomana Girolama MONTI (–1769)], danseuse, [au Théâtre communal] à Amsterdam, vue à mi-corps, de grandeur naturelle, pstl (Gerrit Braamcamp 1766). Exh.: Troost 1946. Lit.: Jean-François de Bastide, *Le Temple des arts ou le cabinet de M. Braamcamp*, Amsterdam, 1766, p. 118 n.r., “la ressemblance est parfaite, la vivacité des yeux inimitable. La Maniere de manier le pastel, de cet auteur, est unique. La Touche est large, & étendue”; Clara Bille, *De Tempel der kunst*, 1961, I, pp. 42, 90

~grav.: Jacobus Houbraken 1763

~pendant, =?Turc, reposant sa tête sur sa main gauche, pstl (M. Braamcamp). Lit.: Bastide, *op. cit.*, 1766, p. 118 n.r., “la main est superbement dessinée, & coloriée admirablement”; [cf. *Éc. fr.*, Said Effendi]

Inconnu, pstl, 77x60, sd – “Jacob Xaverij/fecit A:D:1769” (Sussex, Sotheby's, ?13.V.1992, Lot 727) φ



The parable of the labourers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1–16), watercolour, white chlk, pstl/ppr, sd 1768 (Hermitage. Nathan Altman, artist; acqu. 1974) φ



A country wedding feast, chalk, pstl, gch./ppr, 50.8x71.1, sd “Jacob Xaverij Fecit A° D. 1768” (New York, Sotheby's, 13.I.1988, Lot 260 repr., est. \$3–5000, \$1500) φ



Bandits playing dice, black chlk, gch., sd “Jacob Xavery/***cis 1769” (London, Bonhams Knightsbridge, 4.VII.2006, Lot 251 repr., est. £2–3000, b/i; & subsequent sales) φ



Tête d'homme; & pendant: Tête de femme, pstl, a/r Boucher (Carpentier; Paris, 14.III.1774 & seq.)

Vase rempli de beaucoup de fleurs, ébauche très-bien disposé & d'un faire facile, pstl, 124.5x89.3 (comtesse du Barry & al.; Paris, Paillet, 17.II.1777 & seq., Lot 98)