

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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BECHON, Charles

France 1732 – Warsaw 16.IV.1812

Charles, Karl or Karel, Bechon, Béchon, Beschon or Besson was probably born in France. After working in Dresden, he settled in Warsaw in 1750 where he was known as a miniaturist and drawings teacher. A number of portrait miniatures from the Polish and Russian courts are known; they show the influence of Grassi and the younger Lampi. One pastel appeared in an old exhibition, while a miniature (of Raimund Andon Graf von Strasoldo-Ranziano, sd 1763, was described as using pastel.

Bibliography

Bénézit; Schidlof 1964

Pastels

J.1364.101 Mme (Józef Stanisław) RADOLIŃSKA
[∞ 1757 Józef Stanisław Radoliński (1730–1781), officer in Wschowa], née Katarzyna Raczyńska (1744–1792), pstl, 31x24 ov. (Józef Tyszkiewicz, Kraków). Exh.: Kraków 1910, no. 26 n.r.