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## Three drawing exhibitions at Parisian galleries



Jean-Louis Lambert (1698-1742)  
*Self-portrait*  
 Pastel on marouflé paper  
 on canvas-60 x 50.5 cm  
 Paris, Galerie Alexis Bordes  
 Photo: Galerie Alexis Bordes

27/3/10 – *Art market – Paris* – Several Parisian galleries have organized drawing exhibitions, as they do every year during the Salon du Dessin (see [our article in French](#)). This short review will not cover them all, focusing instead on three which struck us particularly for the quality of the works displayed.

Alexis Bordes offers a group of sheets from a private collection. There is notably a rare *Self-portrait* (ill. 1) by a relatively unknown artist, Jean-Louis Lambert, a pastel so fine that it recalls those of Maurice Quentin de la Tour, as well as a humorous drawing on vellum by Nicolas Robert representing *Warthog against a Backdrop of Greenery*. Some paintings are also presented, including a beautiful grisaille study by Jean-Baptiste Deshayes.

On the Rive Gauche, the hang at the [Artesepia](#) Gallery directed by Georges and Angélique Franck is also of interest. The selection of drawings currently on display is of very high quality. We would mention for example a superb *Martyrdom of Saint Hippolyte*, a work by Simon Julien perhaps. Unfortunately, there is not a catalogue.

We return finally to the other side of the Seine, at Nicolas Schwed's, rue Saint-Honoré. Number one in the catalogue is a fine discovery, unpublished to date, of a standing male figure (no doubt an apostle), by the Roman sculptor from

Lorraine Nicolas Cordier. A large sheet by Carle Van Loo, a preparation for *The Presentation at the Temple* from the church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris is also worthy of mention.

Galerie Alexis Bordes, 19 rue Drouot, 75009, until 30 March, 10.30 to 13 and 14.15 to 19. Tel . +33 (0) 1 47 70 43 30. Catalogue

Galerie [Artesepia](#), 40, rue de Verneuil, 75007 Paris. Tél : +33 (0)142 96 29 21.

Nicolas Schwed, 346, rue Saint-Honoré, 75001 Paris, jusqu'au 27 mars, 14 h à 18 h 30. Tél : +33 (0)6 82 83 96 51. Catalogue.

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