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Descriptive Summary

Identifier            ICU.SPCL.BARTOLOZZIF
Title                 Bartolozzi, Francesco. Collection
Date                  1781-1799
Size                  0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Repository            Special Collections Research Center
                       University of Chicago Library
                       1100 East 57th Street
                       Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract              Francesco Bartolozzi (1727-1815) was an Italian engraver, who spend much
                       of his career in London and helped to found the British Royal Academy of
                       the Arts. The collection contains six engravings by Bartolozzi and one letter
                       written by Bartolozzi.

Information on Use

Access                The collection is open for research.

Citation              When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Bartolozzi, Francesco
                       Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago
                       Library.

Biographical Note     Francesco Bartolozzi was born in Florence on September 21, 1727. Bartolozzi demonstrated such
                       skill in designing that he turned from the family trade, gold- and silver-smithing, to become
                       the student of the arts. After a short period of study under two Florentine artists, Ignazio Hugford
                       and Giovanni Domenica Ferretti, Bartolozzi went to Venice to study engraving – the skill from
                       which he carved his fame. After travelling around Italy, Bartolozzi moved to London in 1764,
                       where he remained for almost forty years.

                       Bartolozzi’s most prolific years were in London. Shortly after his arrival, he was appointed as
                       “Engraver to the King,” as well as being a founding member of the Royal Academy of Arts in
                       1768. In 1802, Bartolozzi accepted the position of direction of the National Academy in Lisbon.

                       While in Venice, early in his career, he met and married a woman named Lucia Ferro. Bartolozzi
                       had one child, Geatano Stefano Bartolozzi, born in 1757. Geatano also found some success in
engraving, though his fame was quickly eclipsed by that of his daughter, the famous actress and
theater manager, Lucia Elizabeth Vestris. Bartolozzi died in Lisbon on March 7, 1815.

Scope Note
The Francesco Bartolozzi Collection contains six engravings dated 1781-1797. All but one has
been identified as a Bartolozzi's work, though the final resembles the others both in subject
matter and style. The works are arranged chronologically, except for the unidentified piece. The
collection also contains a single letter sent by Bartolozzi to Mr. Dubroveray, dated Jan 12, 1799.

The collection was previously part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

Subject Headings
• Bartolozzi, Francesco 1727-1815
• Engraving

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
Engravings, 1781-1797
• Poetry, Muse seated holding a lyre and a Pan flute with both hands; a waterfall in the
  background on the right. Frontpiece to Poetical Works of John Scott, 1781
• Muse, Muse seated holding a lyre and a flute; a swan to the left. Illustration to “ Beauties
  of English Poetry,” 1782
• History, A woman seating writing on an oval tablet hanging from a tree; beside a her, a
  little angel seated reading a book, 1792
• Cupid and Psyche, Cupid standing on the right, putting a bracelet on Psyche's arm.
  Illustration to "A Catalogue of One Hundred Impressions from Gems, Engraved by
  Nathaniel Marchant," by James Edwards, 1792
• For the Benefit of Mrs. Banti, Muse seated on clouds holding a lyre with three putti;
  one holds a trumpet, another two laurel crowns and the third holding a banner over
  Muse. Created for Brigitta Giorgi Banti (1756 - 1806), 1797
• Unknown, Woman seated holding a quill and canvas; above, putto sits with his head in
  his hands, next to a vase. Date Unknown.

Box 1
Folder 2
Letter from Bartolozzi to Mr. Dubroveray, January 12, 1799