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Jean Pr vost, Le Ma tre de Moulins

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Comment: Albert Ch telet s goal in this book is clear from its title: to identify the Master of Moulins, named after a triptych of the Virgin and Child Adored by Angels with Saints and Donors in Moulins Cathedral, with Jean Pr vost, who served as master glazier and painter for Lyon Cathedral. The polemical character of the volume is apparent even in the author s dedication to Louis Grodecki, the noted specialist in glass painting, who first noted the intervention of the Master of Moulins in the windows of the Moulins Cathedral and who understood that he was none other than Jean Pr vost. In the opening chapter, la qu te d un artiste, Ch telet briefly reviews attempts made over the past half century to attach a name to the anonymous master. First proposed, among other possibilities, by Paul Dupieux in 1946, the association of Pr vost with the Master of Moulins was more passionately and unambiguously put forward by Ch telet himself in several publications (e.g. A Plea for the Master of Moulins, The Burlington Magazine, 104, 1962, pp. 517-24; Au temps des Jean: I nigma du Ma tre de Moulins, in: Anne de Beaujeu et ses nigrammes, Acad mie de Villefranche-en-Beaujolais, Villefranche-sur-Sa ne, 1984, pp.110-23). Ch telet s pleas have generally fallen on resistant ears, with most scholars identifying the Master with Jean Hey. The author here restates his case in thirteen short chapters, each devoted to a work, group of works, to an aspect of Pr vost s career, or to the activities of the French court. Ch telet places particular emphasis on the Master of Moulins style and its apparent connections to glass painting. The book s second part is made up of six appendices, containing documents and brief catalogue entries on the works of Pr vost, Laurent Girardin, Jean Hay, Pierre de Paix, the Master of Saint Giles (identified here as Wouter de Crane), and Hugo van der Goes.

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