

Fire in Rome (1774)

Image: Joseph Wright of Derby (1734-1797). Pen and wash on toned yellow paper.

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Originally called *Fire in Rome*, this image is probably one of Wright's drawings of the Girandola firework displays. The content of the image closely resembles *Girandola from the Castel Sant' Angelo* (1774). From a distance the fireworks would resemble a fire. The vantage point is a high point, close to the place where Wright stayed on the Trinita de Monti.