

August Wilhelm Schlegel (c. 1790)

Abstract

August Wilhelm Schlegel (1767-1845) was a leader of the German Romantic movement. A poet, critic, linguist and translator of Shakespeare and Cervantes, Schlegel collaborated with his brother Friedrich Karl Wilhelm (1772-1829) on the literary journal *Athenaeum*, which laid out the principles of Romantic thought. August Wilhelm's theoretical works, especially his lecture series *Fine Art and Literature* [*Über schöne Literatur und Kunst*] (Berlin, 1801-04) and *Lectures on Dramatic Art and Literature* [*Über dramatische Kunst und Literatur*] (Vienna, 1809-11) were enormously influential. A friend and traveling companion of the widely read French interpreter of German cultural life, Madame Germaine de Staël (1766-1817), Schlegel held professorships in Jena and Bonn. He made important contributions to the study of Sanskrit and Romance languages and literatures. Painting by Johann Friedrich August Tischbein (1750-1812), c. 1790.

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