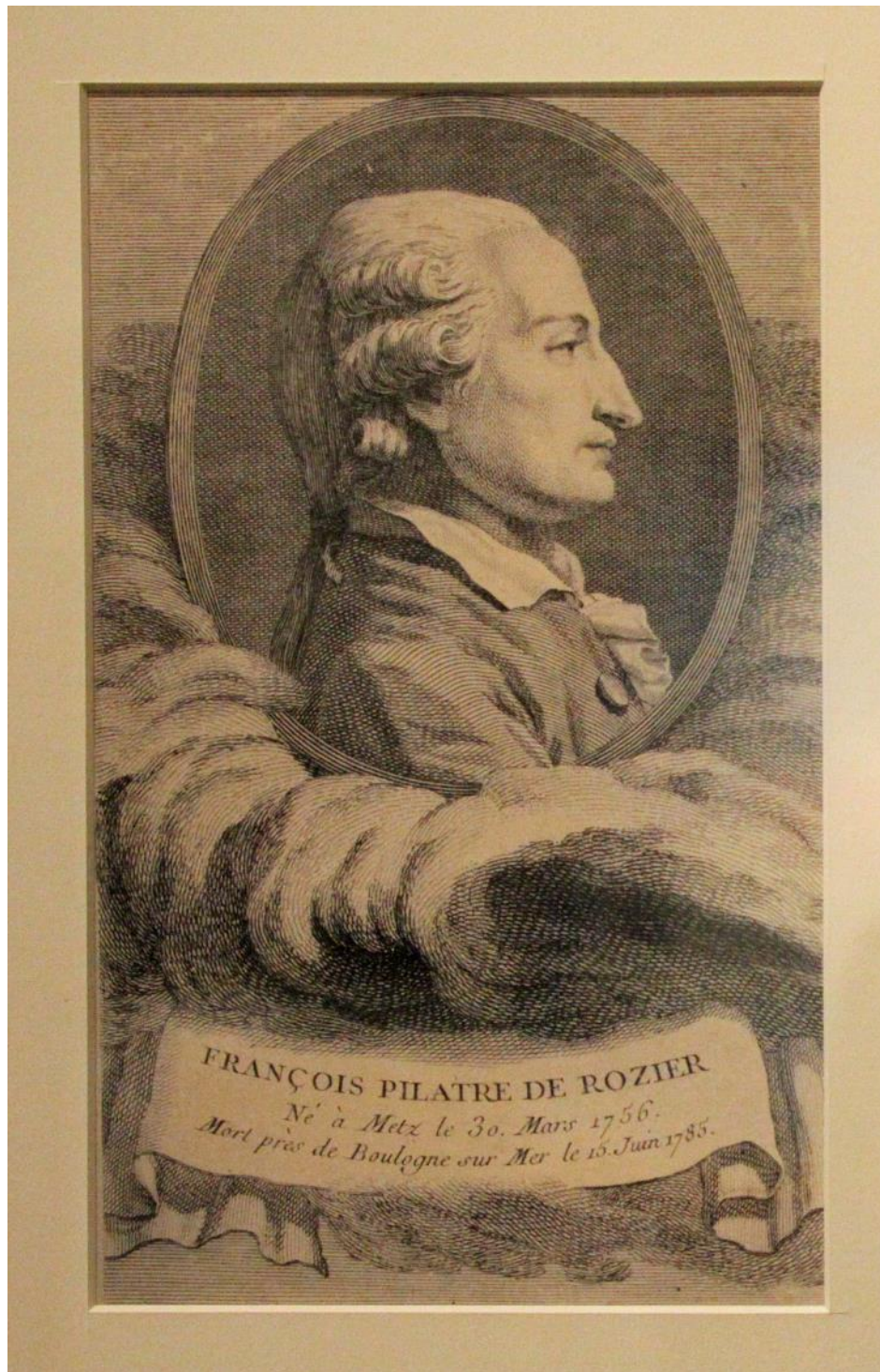




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France

Inducted 1995

Sport & scientific balloonist

1754, Metz – 15 June 1785, Boulogne

Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier made the first controlled free-flight by man on November 21, 1783 with the Marquis d'Arlandes. They launched from La Muette Palace (Paris) and flew five miles. He also conceived the combination gas and hot air balloon. He attempted to cross the English Channel in such a balloon. During the flight the hydrogen ignited. De Rozier was killed when the balloon plummeted to earth. This combination type balloon is known as a rozière in his honor.

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