The "Palette Diaz"

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Dear colleagues,

I am currently seeking information on the so-called "palette Diaz", by which I do not mean the color palette the 19th-century artist Narcisse Diaz used, but the actual palette.
This is a large and very heavy palette.

What I am looking for is any historical information on this palette. When was it invented? Is it named after Diaz because he invented it, or because he was the main user? With which genre of painting was it particularly associated? What type of painter (academic, commercial, etc.) was known to use it?
I would be most grateful for any information you could supply.

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