THEY DO NOT ARRIVE IN TIME (NO LLEGAN Á TIEMPO)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (52/82)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1812 - 1815
DIMENSIONES	157 x 207 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching, lavis, drypoint and burin
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	16 Dec 2010 / 24 May 2023
INVENTARIO	836 225

HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass.*

The title was handwritten on the print by Goya in the first and only series that is known to have been printed at the time the works were created, which the artist gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. Therefore, the title was etched into the plate at a later date and left unchanged as of the first edition of the *Disasters of War* printed by the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid in 1863, after the printing of the series in the possession of Ceán Bermúdez.

There is a surviving *preparatory drawing* for this print which is housed in the Prado Museum in Madrid.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Three women rush to the aid of a dying woman whose body is held up under her arms by one of these figures, situated behind her. Behind these figures are the other two women, who wear sorrowful expressions. They seem to have stopped still, as if aware that helping the woman is a pointless task since, as the title indicates, they have not arrived in time to prevent her death. Behind the group of the women on the right there is a body, perhaps the corpse of someone else who has died of hunger.

The woman helping the dying figure is reminiscent of those depicted in prints no. 49, A *woman's charity (Caridad de muger)* and no. 51, *Gracias á la almorta (Thanks to the grass pea)*.

The figures stand out against a dark background, possibly a partly collapsed wall, rendered by the artist in short, energetic horizontal lines. The first two are wearing white dresses that emphasize their primary role in the image. It could be said that Goya wanted to make reference to the religious subject of the Pietà in this image.

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is stored in the National Chalcography (cat. 303).

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