

# GIFT TO THE TEACHER

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (47/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

208 x 153 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching and burnished aquatint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

19 Dec 2010 / 29 May 2024

INVENTARIO

836 225

## INSCRIPCIONES

*Obsequio á el maestro.* (at the bottom)

47. (in the upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

A preparatory drawing of this engraving is in the Prado Museum.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

A group of sinister figures pay obeisance to a figure on the right-hand side of the engraving. The figure gazes down at the figure and, although his head is human, his body is that of a billy goat and is covered with hair. The sinister witches who worship him have aged and deformed faces and have brought him a human foetus as a gift. It is a coven, which is the Basque term for the places where witches held their meetings and performed their rituals.

Goya has only applied an intermediate tone of aquatint over the etching in this print. The whites of the chest of the great witch, the face of the witch carrying the foetus and the figure in the foreground contrast with the darkness of the rest of the print.

The explanations provided by the manuscripts indicate that this is a group of nuns and friars expressing their gratitude to the master who has taught them what they know.

The painter unequivocally criticised superstition and acts of witchcraft, as he did in the *paintings for the Duke and Duchess of Osuna*, which may predate the *Caprices* series slightly. This theme would continue to interest him throughout his career, when he would return to it with different, perhaps more extreme, expressive mechanisms.

## CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in rather poor condition ( National Chalcography, no. 218).

## EXPOSICIONES

### **Goya. Gemälde Zeichnungen. Graphik. Tapisserien**

Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953

from January 23th to April 12th  
1953

cat. 234

### **Goya. La década de Los Caprichos**

Madrid 1992

organized by Real Academia de  
Bellas Artes de San Fernando  
sponsored by Fundación Central  
Hispano, Madrid, consultant  
editor Nigel Glendinnig. From  
October 26th 1992 to January  
10th 1993

cat. 112

### **Francisco de Goya**

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from  
September 22nd to November  
17th.

cat. 47, p.74

### **Francisco Goya. Sein leben im spiegel der graphik. Fuendetodos 1746-1828 Bordeaux. 1746-1996**

Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996

from November 21st 1996 to  
January 1997

cat. 53

### **Goya e la tradizione italiana**

Fondazione Magnani Rocca Mamiano di  
Traversetolo (Parma) 2006

consultant editors Fred Licht and  
Simona Tosini Pizzetti. From  
September 9th to December 3th  
2006

cat. 47, p.157

### **Goya. Opera grafica**

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano  
2006

exhibition celebrated from  
December 16th 2006 to April 1st  
2007

p.36

### **Goya e Italia**

Museo de Zaragoza Zaragoza 2008

organized by the Fundación Goya  
en Aragón, consultant editor  
Joan Sureda Pons. From June  
1st to September 15th 2008

cat. 331

### **Goya et la modernité**

Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

from October 11st 2013 to March  
16th 2014

cat. 147

2022

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GASSIER, Pierre y WILSON, Juliet

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Office du livre

### **El gran cabrón del aquelarre en Goya**

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WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

pp.190-191, cat. 112  
1992

Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando

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MENA, Manuela B. y WILSON-BAREAU, Juliet  
(comisarias)

pp.213-214, fig. 154  
1993

Museo del Prado

**Catálogo de las estampas de Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional**

SANTIAGO, Elena M. (coordinadora)

p.98, cat. 136  
1996

Ministerio de Educación y Cultura, Biblioteca Nacional

**El libro de los caprichos: dos siglos de interpretaciones (1799-1999). Catálogo de los dibujos, pruebas de estado, láminas de cobre y estampas de la primera edición**

BLAS BENITO, Javier, MATILLA RODRÍGUEZ,

José Manuel y MEDRANO, José Miguel

pp.258-261

1999

Museo Nacional del Prado

OROPESA, Marisa and RINCÓN GARCÍA, Wilfredo

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Pinacoteca de París

**Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum**

WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

pp. 42-75

2016

Norton Simon Museum

TORAL OROPESA, María and MARTÍN

MEDINA, Víctor

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