SAINT CAJETAN (SAN CAYETANO)

CLASIFICACIÓN: MURAL

SERIE: ORATORY OF THE COUNTS OF SOBRADIEL (MURAL PAINTING, CA. 1771-1773)(7/7)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1771 - 1773
UBICACIÓN	Museum of Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain
DIMENSIONES	37 x 30 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Oil mural painting transferred to canvas
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	Government of Aragon
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	07 Oct 2010 / 11 Dec 2024
INVENTARIO	391 (51360)

HISTORIA

Some time before 1926, the painting was lifted from the wall and transferred to canvas on the orders of Joaquín Cavero Sichar, Count of Gabarda. After his death, the Countess deposited the painting in the Provincial Museum of Zaragoza in 1929. The following year it was acquired by the Cuban Carlos Francisco Javier del Valle Grao, who removed the paintings deposited in the museum in 1932 and took them with him to La Habana in Cuba. The work then passed to the Marchioness of Rivas, who left it in her will to her son, José María Olabaria de Martínez

de las Rivas. From there it passed on to another collection in Bilbao in 1973 before finally being acquired by the Government of Aragón in 1997.

From December 5th, 2024, and while the Zaragoza Museum remains closed for works, the painting is part of the exhibition '*Goya. From the Museum to the Palace*' in the Aljafería Palace in Zaragoza.

For further information see *The Dream of Saint Joseph*.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

According to a written description by Ricardo del Arco (1915), this composition was located at one of the far ends of the front wall of the oratory.

This saint was included in the iconographic programme for the oratory because his name corresponds with the second name of the Count of Sobradiel, who very probably owed the title to the proximity of his palace to the church of the Theatine Fathers devoted to Saint Cajetan.

The saint is represented in his old age, kneeling in an act of veneration with his body leaning forward and his right hand raised. He is shown in a three-quarters pose facing the viewer's left. The figure is depicted in a particularly dark and disquieting setting which is accentuated by the dark hues of his habit, lightened only by the flesh tones of his face and hands.

As in the case of the other three small format paintings, this work is characterized by energetic, sketchy brushstrokes which are somewhat careless but extremely expressive and lend the figures an impressive sense of volume through the use of light and colour.

For further information see *The Dream of Saint Joseph*.

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