

YOUNG WOMEN WITH PITCHERS (LAS MOZAS DEL CÁNTARO) (SKETCH)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. TAPESTRY CARTOONS

SERIE: CARTONES PARA TAPICES: ESCENAS CAMPESTRES Y JOCOSAS (PINTURA Y BOCETOS, 1791-1792). DESPACHO DEL REY, EL ESCORIAL (2B/7)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

Ca. 1791

Mac-Crohon Collection, Madrid, Spain

34 x 21 cm

Oil on canvas

Documented work

Mac-Crohon Collection

22 Dec 2009 / 14 Jun 2023

INSCRIPCIONES

42 (bottom left corner, front)

X.13 (back)

HISTORIA

Sketch for the tapestry cartoon *Young Women with Pitchers*.

It belonged to the collection of Francisco Acebal Arratia, probably via Javier and Mariano Goya. In 1928 it went to the collection of Luis and Paloma Mac-Crohon y Garay, in Madrid.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Standing next to a fountain, two girls each balance a pitcher on their heads whilst looking attentively towards someone outside the frame of the painting, aware of the desires they provoke, whilst a third girl crouches down with her back to the viewer to fill another pitcher. They are in a rural setting, with a low wall behind them, separating them from the fields in the background. The architectural detail in the fountain, crowned with a sphere like those found on the palace of El Escorial, is of particular interest.

We can appreciate some important differences between this sketch and the finished cartoon. Goya tried to lighten the composition by simplifying the fountain and putting more emphasis on the profile of the water carriers, who stand out sharply against the sky in the cartoon, especially the girl on the right-hand side, who also adopts a more sinuous posture due to the weight of the pitchers she is carrying. The woman shown here collecting water later appears standing next to the other two, and there is no child present in the sketch. As such, the figures of the girls do not appear as slim and the overall impression is much flatter, since the inclusion of the boy adds further depth to the cartoon.

The inscription on the back of the canvas was discovered by Juliet Wilson. It undoubtedly means that the painting had been awarded to Xavier Goya in the inventory carried out in 1812 following the death of Josefa Bayeu. This number usually corresponded to two works, *The Water Carrier* and *The Knife Grinder*, now in Budapest. This was due to the fact that Goya's heirs reused the numbers given to works once they had been sold.

CONSERVACIÓN

Cleaned in 1993.

The bare red preparation is visible in a 7 mm strip around the edge of the canvas.

EXPOSICIONES

Goya: Prophet der Moderne

Alte Nationalgalerie Berlin 2005
from July 13th to October 3th
2005. Exhibited also at the
Kunsthistorischemuseum, Vienna,
October 18th 2005 to January 8th
2006, consultant editor Manuela
B. Mena Marqués

cat. 25

Exposición de bocetos para pinturas y esculturas (Siglos XVI-XIX)

Sociedad Española de Amigos del Arte Madrid
1949

cat. 102

Goya. La imagen de la mujer

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2001
from October 30th 2001 to
February 10th 2002. Exhibited
also at the National Gallery of Art,
Washington, March 10th to June
2nd 2002, consultant editor
Francisco Calvo Serraller

cat. 13

Goya. El Capricho y la Invención. Cuadros de gabinete, bocetos y miniaturas

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1993
from November 18th 1993 to
February 15th 1994. Exhibited
also at the Royal Academy of
Arts, London, March 18th to June
12th 1994 and The Art Institute of
Chicago, Chicago, July 16th to
October 16th 1994, consultant
editors Manuela B. Mena

Pinturas de Goya

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1928
consultant editor Fernando
Álvarez de Sotomayor. From April
to May 1928

cat. 83

Goya en las colecciones madrileñas

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1983
consultant editor Enrique
Lafuente Ferrari. From April 19th
to June 20th 1983

cat. 19

Marqués and Juliet Wilson-Bareau

cat. 30

Agen 2019

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Goya en las colecciones españolas

Sala de Exposiciones del BBVA Madrid 1995

consultant editor Juan J. Luna.

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