

BAD NIGHT

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (36/85)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

219 x 155 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching and burnished aquatint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

12 Dec 2010 / 29 May 2024

INVENTARIO

836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Mala noche. (at the bottom)

36. (in the upper right-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

Two preparatory drawings of this engraving have survived (1) and (2).

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Two women are caught in the street at night by a strong gust of wind that lifts their clothes. One of them is in the foreground and the wind has moved her clothes, which now cover her head. We can see, however, her knee-length legs. Goya tries to focus the viewer's attention by capturing their light-coloured dresses which contrast sharply with the darkness of the background.

By using highly burnished aquatint, the darkness is achieved and a gloomy stormy light is created.

Three of the manuscripts on *The Caprices* provide practically the same explanation: that it is a night when inclement weather makes it difficult for the prostitutes to work. It is possible that the Aragonese painter was also referring to the dangers of this profession, as stated in the manuscript in the Museo Nacional del Prado, which reads as follows: "To this kind of work are exposed the young girls who do not want to stay at home".

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is preserved in poor conditions in the National Chalcography (no. 207).

EXPOSICIONES

Goya. Gemälde Zeichnungen. Graphik. Tapisserien

Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953

from January 23th to April 12th
1953

cat. 226

De grafiek van Goya

Rijksmuseum Rijksprentenkabinet Amsterdam
1970

from November 13th 1970 to
January 17th 1971

cat. 33

Goya. Das Zeitalter der Revoluciones. Kunst um 1800 (1980 - 1981)

Hamburger Kunsthalle Hamburg 1980

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. 82

Ydioma universal: Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional

Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1996

from September 19th to
December 15th 1996

cat. 132

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. 42

Francisco de Goya

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from
September 22nd to November
17th.

cat. 36, p.63

Goya's Realism

Statens Museum for Kunst Copenhagen 2000

from February 11th to May 7th
2000

cat. 26

Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra

San Donato Milanese 2000

Opere grafiche della Fondazione
Antonio Mazzotta

p.29, cat. 36

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. 36, p.154

Goya. Opera grafica

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano
2006

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

p.32

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. 326

Goya et la modernité

Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

from October 11st 2013 to March
16th 2014

cat. 195

Goya: Order and disorder

Museum of Fine Arts Boston 2014

cat. 133

2022

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