

BOY SCARED BY A MAN (MUCHACHO ESPANTADO POR UN HOMBRE)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. VARIOUS SUBJECTS

SERIE: IVORY MINIATURES (PAINTING, 1824 - 1825) (18/21)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1824 - 1825
UBICACIÓN	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, United States
DIMENSIONES	5.9 x 6 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Watercolor on ivory
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
TITULAR	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	17 May 2010 / 15 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	347 (1992.326)

HISTORIA

See *Maja and Celestina*.

This work was put up for auction at the Hôtel Drouot auction house, Paris, in 1937. It was later in a private collection in England. In around 1970 it entered the collection of the historian Eleanor A.

Sayre, in Cambridge (MA), USA. On 24 June 1992 she donated it to the museum that houses it today.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

For the artistic and technical analysis of the complete series, see *Maja and Celestina*.

On the right-hand side of the composition we see the profile of a boy's head, with blond curly hair, his mouth open in fright at the vision before him. What he is looking at could be a man but appears more like a ghostly apparition, since the figure's face is almost completely blurred, as if it were utterly deformed, or covered by a horrible mask.

In this miniature the influence of the Black Paintings is especially evident, even more so than in the rest of the ivory pieces.

Rita de Angelis mentions another, similar piece entitled Two Heads (p. 136, cat. 686), which has the same subject matter and composition. As Angelis says, they are clearly not the same work, meaning that this imagery was therefore reproduced independently. She does not however provide any additional information about the other work's authenticity or whereabouts.

EXPOSICIONES

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

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