

PROCLAMATION OF WITCHES

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (69D/85)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

200 x 135 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Documented work

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

El Prado National Museum

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

829 D4155

INSCRIPCIONES

Graveur italien / Agustin de Musi, diz le Vénitien (in pen, on the back of the paper supporting the page of the drawing)

HISTORIA

On the origin of this and other preparatory drawings for *The Caprices*, see the commentary on the first of them, corresponding to Caprice number 1 (*Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, painter*), and on

the one corresponding to Caprice 3 (*The Coconut is Coming*).

Line of provenance of this drawing: Javier Goya; Mariano Goya, 1854; Valentín Carderera, ca. 1861; Mariano Carderera, 1880; Prado Museum, 1886.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

See *Witches' Proclamation*.

This sketch bears a close resemblance to the drawing *Witches' Proclamation*, which belongs to the series known as the *Dreams*, as both were preparatory studies for a failed *Caprice*. What is more, the latter, which was the initial idea, was never even recorded.

In contrast to the *Witches' Proclamation*, this first idea for the composition features a gigantic head lying on its back, biting the backside of a nude figure, a head that Goya removed from the final drawing. Pierre Gassier suggests that the main reason for this removal, and even for the non-inclusion of the final drawing, this is, *Witches' Proclamation*, among the final plates of the *Caprices*, was the excessively erotic nature of the idea.

In this sketch, executed in red wash with a very sketchy technique, Goya used the motif of the "child-spring" as the main element of the composition, which he retained in *Witches' Proclamation* took up again in *Dream 7. Dream of Consummated Witches* or *Caprice 69. Blow*.

EXPOSICIONES

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PALABRAS CLAVE

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