ANTONIO VEYÁN Y MONTEAGUDO

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING PORTRAITS

DATOS GENERALES
CRONOLOGÍA 1782
UBICACIÓN Museum of Huesca, Huesca, Spain
DIMENSIONES 231 x 172,5 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE Oil on canvas
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA Documented work
TITULAR Government of Aragon
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN 08 Feb 2010 / 15 Feb 2021
INVENTARIO 232 (03570)

INSCRIPCIONES
El Hmo. Sor. Dn. Antonio Veián y Montegaudo fue Colegal en el Maior de Sn. Vicente Martin y Cathedratico de / Visperas de Canono [sic] en esta Universidad de Huesca: Alcalde del Crimen y Oidor de la Real Audiencia de Cathaluña: / Regente de la de Asturias: Del Supremo Consejo y Camara de Castilla, a cuio distinguido empleo le promovio S. M. año de 1782. (Bottom of canvas)

HISTORIA
Goya was commissioned to paint this portrait by the Sertoriana University for the assembly hall of this same institution. The commission came through Jaime de Salas, Professor of Canon Law at the university and its representative in Madrid, and was to commemorate Veyán being named a member of the Supreme Council and Chamber of Castile, on 14 May 1782. The painting was executed in Madrid in October of that same year. Goya charged 35 doubloons for the work. It was entrusted to the Secondary Education Institute which occupied the headquarters of the by then disbanded Sertoriana University in 1845, and in 1968 it came to form part of the collection of the Museum of Huesca when this museum took over the same site.

**ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO**

Antonio Veyán y Monteagudo (Tamarite de Litera, Huesca, Ca. 1710–Madrid, 1784) was a student at the collegiate school of San Vicente, graduating in Law in 1728 and in Canon Law in 1732. He held various professorships at Huesca’s Sertoriana University between the years of 1733 and 1748. He was Magistrate and Judge of the Court of Barcelona, as well as Regent of the Court of Asturias and a member of the Supreme Council and chamber of Castile.

The subject, with his less than attractive features, appears here in the centre of the composition, full length, almost life–size and looking straight out at the viewer. He wears a wig, black gown and a white magistrate’s collar. In his right hand he holds a piece of paper bearing the painter’s signature, whilst with his left hand he is gathering up his tunic at the waist. In the background, on the left–hand side, there is a desk covered with green fabric, over the top of which are spread papers and writing materials. Behind the desk, an open window gives us a glimpse of a tree–filled landscape, painted in colours reminiscent of the rococo style. On the right–hand side is a period armchair, upholstered in the same green as the desk and the large curtain that serves as a backdrop to this domestic scene. The floor is of reddish and brown hues.

This is an official court portrait of sorts, in which the expressive possibilities are somewhat limited - a far cry from the psychological insight achieved in the artist’s work from the late 1780s onwards.

This was the first full–length portrait that Goya painted.

**CONSERVACIÓN**

The work was restored in the workshops of the Prado Museum between 1987 and 1989.

**EXPOSICIONES**

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**Goya y la modernité**

Pinauthèque de Paris Paris 2013
from October 11st 2013 to March 16th 2014
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**Realidad e imagen. Goya 1746 – 1828**

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