

# WITCHES' SWING

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICES NOT ENGRAVED



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

197 x 137 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

TITULAR

El Prado National Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## INSCRIPCIONES

21 / 1- (in pencil, lower left)

~~24~~ (in pencil, crossed out, lower left)

*Este Lienzo en que de Goya / Tanto el Pincel sobresale, / Representando á Bayeu, / A los dos  
hace inmortales (in pencil, on the reverse, in reverse, apocryphal inscription)*

Watermark: [Cross, two circles with letters "A" and "F", and a bunch of grapes underneath] (lower half)

#### HISTORIA

The drawing passed by inheritance in 1828 to Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 to Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (ca. 1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera by the General Direction of Public Instruction and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

This is a preparatory drawing for a *Capriche* of Witchcraft that was never printed. In the center of the composition, a grotesque nude figure who could be a sorcerer sits happily on a swing made up of small children, also naked, linked together like circus acrobats. Behind him, an enigmatic, faceless figure in a cloak and hood, a kind of ghost, is shown ready to push the strange, gloomy swing.

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#### PALABRAS CLAVE

**BRUJO FANTASMA NIÑO COLUMPIO**

#### ENLACES EXTERNOS