

# TWO GROUPS OF BULLFIGHTERS RUN OVER BY A SINGLE BULL AT ONCE

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (32/46)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1814 - 1816

DIMENSIONES

245 x 354 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguatina, punta seca, buril y bruñidor

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

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## INSCRIPCIONES

32 (print, upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside*

The plate is kept at the National Chalcography (nº 365).

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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A fierce scene of fighting between several members of a cuadrilla and a bull, which has already caused the fall and death of two horses and has injured the picador riding one of them and is violently knocking down another horse in the foreground, including the picador who is riding it. In particular, we can see how the bull is thrusting a pitón into the horse's stomach while the picador, still on the horse, in turn thrusts his pike into the bull. There are several labourers in the arena, some of them removing the injured body of the fallen picador and others trying to separate the bull from the horse he is charging and to hold the picador who is about to fall, helping him to pike the bull.

The lighting of the scene is very dramatic because there is only light on the characters. The rest of the square, including the stretches of ground, is darkened. In this way, with these flashes of light, Goya directs our attention to where he wants us to look. However, in the two preparatory drawings for the print, the light is still spread throughout the scene.

For Bagüés this type of tumultuous scene reminds him of the *Disasters of War*, while for Lafuente Ferrari the print is one of the engravings that narrate incidents or incidents without historical precision and reflects a tragic feeling that would culminate in the series of the Bulls of Bordeaux, in lithographs such as *Brave Bull*. In his opinion, it also presents a treatment very similar to that of the so-called "unpublished" prints, i.e. those that were not included in the official edition of the Bullfighting.

Glendinning, as in the case of other prints in the series (nos. 18, 19, 24, 26, 28 and 31), interprets the distorted faces of some of the figures as a criticism of those who participate in one way or another in a bullfight. Martínez-Novillo, for his part, relates the engraving to the *Bullfighting* prints and their extensions that deal with the suerte de varas and its incidents (Nos. 22, 26, 27, 28 and 32, and B), such as the one entitled *The hardworking Rendón stinging a bull, from whose luck he died in the bullring in Madrid*.

As already mentioned, there are two preparatory drawings of the present print, also entitled *Two groups of bullfighters run over by a single bull at once (preparatory drawing 1)* and *Two groups of bullfighters run over by a single bull at once (preparatory drawing 2)*

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### **PALABRAS CLAVE**

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### **ENLACES EXTERNOS**