

LOVE AND DEATH

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (10/85)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

219 x 152 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguatinta bruñida y buril

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

30 Jul 2013 / 29 May 2024

INVENTARIO

836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

El amor y la muerte. (at the bottom)

10. (in the upper right-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

There is a proof of state prior to the letter deposited in the British Museum and from the Enriqueta Harris Frankfurt collection, which has the title in manuscript with good calligraphy. There is also

another proof in the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris with the same legend smudged.

Engraving no. 10, *Love and Death*, was preceded by two preparatory drawings in the Prado Museum (1) and (2). *Drawing no. 35* in *Album B* or *Album of Madrid* should also be considered the germ of this print.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

A woman holds in her arms a man who appears to have been wounded in a duel, as the sword lying at his feet testifies. There is an expression of anguish and pain on his face, perhaps because he has been mortally wounded. The woman's face also hints at suffering, with her mouth half-open and her eyes closed. The scene takes place in an open space and the man's body is leaning against a low wall.

The Aragonese painter used aquatint to create the background, with a lighter area at the bottom and a darker area at the top, which could be a device that heralds the dawn. As in many other engravings in this series, he has left a lighter surface to attract the viewer's attention; in this case the white garments of the dying figure capture our interest.

The Ayala manuscript notes of this print: "It is not convenient to draw the sword many times: love exposes to quarrels and challenges". In the Prado's Museum it is stated that "Here is a lover of Calderón who for not knowing how to laugh at his competitor dies in the arms of his beloved and loses because of his recklessness. It is not convenient to draw the sword too often". Finally, it is worth mentioning what the manuscript in the Biblioteca Nacional comments on this engraving: "From illicit loves, nothing but noise and quarrels usually follow".

This print has been the subject of various interpretations. The most widespread of these, which is based both on the image and on the three manuscripts referred to above, is that this scene is a criticism of the duels. We should also consider Juliet Wilson-Bareau's reading of this work based on a comparison of the print with drawing no. 35 of the Madrid Album or *Album B*, *Young Woman Holding Her Dying Lover*. The woman in the drawing is looking up at the sky, so it seems that rather than showing grief she is expressing exasperation. The sword lying on the ground and the limp posture of the man in the print lead one to identify his death with the "death" of the passion of an old man unable to satisfy the desires of a young woman. This idea is reinforced by the way Goya has depicted the face of the man in the print as older than the figure in the drawing. If so, this print would continue the theme of the previous print in the Caprices series, *No. 9, Tantalus*.

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in poor condition (National Chalcography, no. 181).

EXPOSICIONES

**Goya. Gemälde
Zeichnungen. Graphik.
Tapisserien**
Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953
from January 23th to April 12th
1953
cat. 202

**Goya. Das Zeitalter der
Revolutionen. Kunst um
1800 (1980 - 1981)**
Hamburger Kunsthalle Hamburg 1980
cat. 269

**Goya dans les collections
suisses**
Fundación Pierre Gianadda Martigny 1982
consultant editor Pierre Gassier.
From June 12th to August 29th
1982
cat. 45

**Goya. La década de Los
Caprichos**
Madrid 1992
organized by Real Academia de
Bellas Artes de San Fernando
sponsored by Fundación Central
Hispano, Madrid, consultant
editor Nigel Glendinnig. From
October 26th 1992 to January

Francisco de Goya
Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996
exhibition celebrated from
September 22nd to November
17th.
cat. 10, p.37

**Francisco Goya. Sein
leben im spiegel der
graphik. Fuendetodos
1746-1828 Bordeaux.
1746-1996**
Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996
from November 21st 1996 to
January 1997
cat. 16

10th 1993

cat. 20

Das Capriccio als Kunstprinzip

Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, 1996

from December 8th 1996 to February 16th 1997, exhibited also in Zurich, Kunsthaus, from March 14th marzo 1997 to June 1st 1997 and in Vienna, Kunsthistorisches Museum im Palais Harrach, from June 29th 1997 to September 21st 1997.

cat. G. 37

Goya. Opera grafica

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano 2006

exhibition celebrated from December 16th 2006 to April 1st 2007

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Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra

San Donato Milanese 2000

Opere grafiche della Fondazione Antonio Mazzotta

cat. 10, p.19

Goya e la tradizione italiana

Fondazione Magnani Rocca Mamiano di Traversetolo (Parma) 2006

consultant editors Fred Licht and Simona Tosini Pizzetti. From September 9th to December 3th 2006

cat. 10, p.148

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Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

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Goya: Order and disorder

Museum of Fine Arts Boston 2014

cat. 72

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WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

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SANTIAGO, Elena M. (coordinadora)

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Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum

WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

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PALABRAS CLAVE

CAPRICCIO ESPADA SUFRIMIENTO HERIDO

ENLACES EXTERNOS