

# UNCLE PAQUETE (EL TÍO PAQUETE)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1820 - 1823

UBICACIÓN

Museum Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

39 x 31 cm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Oil on canvas

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

04 Apr 2010 / 13 Jun 2023

INVENTARIO

50 (CTB.1983.38) e

## INSCRIPCIONES

*El celebre ciego fijo* ("The famous blind man", on the reverse, before being relined).

## HISTORIA

This work belonged to the Count of Doña Marina.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Uncle Paquete was a very well-known blind man in Madrid. He used to sit on the steps of the

church of San Felipe el Real, singing and playing his guitar and begging for money. In this portrait, Goya immortalized the man's misshapen features. His eyes are hollowed out and his teeth are all missing. Despite this, he grins out at us unashamedly. This is an image which mixes the dramatic and the comical aspects of blindness. Uncle Paquete must have been a witty character who doubtless provided the artist with a certain inspiration, being drawn as he was to the more grotesque aspects of life. It is a work of great expressionist strength.

In technical terms, this portrait is very close to the *Black Paintings* from the Quinta del Sordo. The colour palette is also very dark and it has been executed using thickly loaded brushstrokes.

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