

# UNTIL DEATH

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) 55B/85



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1798

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

199 x 140 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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## HISTORIA

On the origin of this and other preparatory drawings for *The Caprices*, see the commentary on the first of them, corresponding to Caprice number 1 (*Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, painter*), and on the one corresponding to Caprice 3 (*The bogeyman is Coming*).

Line of provenance of this drawing: Javier Goya; Mariano Goya, 1854; Valentín Carderera, ca.

1861; Mariano Carderera, 1880; Prado Museum, 1886.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Preparatory drawing for *Caprice 55. Until Death*.

According to Matilla, the old woman's vanity and coquetry lead her to adorn herself with a fashionable ribbon headdress called "caramba" in memory of its creator, the actress María Antonia la Caramba. Goya took particular care to depict realistically an ugly, toothless, wrinkled face, which in the print is transformed into a caricature. The meaning of the work, after a superficial laughter provoked by her comical appearance, turns into a tragic reflection: a woman forced to maintain her beauty permanently in a world dominated by convention and male demands, which does not accept old age and ugliness in her gender.

The pyramid-shaped composition of four characters is reproduced without variations in the etching.

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#### PALABRAS CLAVE

**CAPRICCIO VEJEZ PASO DEL TIEMPO CRÍTICA**

#### ENLACES EXTERNOS

