

# IT UNCHAINS HIM

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (35/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

219 x 154 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching and burnished aquatint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

12 Dec 2010 / 29 May 2024

INVENTARIO

836 225

## INSCRIPCIONES

*Le descañona.* (at the bottom)

35. (in the upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

A *drawing* has survived that could be considered the forerunner of the engraving *La descañona.*

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

A woman shaves a young man with a razor; he is seated with his feet crossed on a carpet and wrapped in a mantle with bows and frills that looks like a woman's garment. He offers his face to the woman in a voluminous dress. Further back, another richly dressed woman is seen carrying a basin in which the one in the foreground will rinse the soap from the razor. Next to her an older female figure whispers something to the young woman.

The clearest explanation for this engraving is to be found in the manuscript of the National Library, which reads as follows: "A courtesan shaves her bobalicon lover, who is drooling, and thus tears off every last maravedí".

As he did in the engravings No. 19, *Everyone Will Fall*, and No. 20, *Already Plucked*, Goya criticises the atmosphere of prostitution through this visual metaphor in which a woman, distracted, prepares to shave a man who does not quite know what he is exposing himself to. In brothels and other places where prostitution was practised, men were constantly being swindled, often blinded by their instincts, and often failed to notice.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The aquatint of the plate is quite deteriorated (National Chalcography no. 206).

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### **Goya. Gemälde Zeichnungen. Graphik. Tapisserien**

Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953

from January 23th to April 12th  
1953

cat. 225

##### **Goya dans les collections suisses**

Fundación Pierre Gianadda Martigny 1982

consultant editor Pierre Gassier.  
From June 12th to August 29th  
1982

cat. 50

##### **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  
10th 1993

cat. 165

##### **Francisco de Goya**

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from  
September 22nd to November  
17th.

cat. 35, p.62

##### **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. 41

##### **Goya artista de su tiempo y Goya artista único**

The National Museum of Western Art Tokyo

1999

from December 1st to July 3th  
1999

cat. 91

##### **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. 35, p.154

##### **Goya. Opera grafica**

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano  
2006

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

p.32

##### **Goya et la modernité**

Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

from October 11st 2013 to March  
16th 2014

cat. 194

2022

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1970

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##### **Goya, la década de los caprichos: dibujos y aguafuertes**

WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

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Fernando

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BLAS BENITO, Javier, MATILLA RODRÍGUEZ, José Manuel y MEDRANO, José Miguel

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1999

Museo Nacional del Prado

OROPESA, Marisa and RINCÓN GARCÍA,

Wilfredo

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2013

Pinacoteca de París

**Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum**

WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

pp. 42-75

2016

Norton Simon Museum

TORAL OROPESA, María and MARTÍN

MEDINA, Víctor

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2022

Museo de Bellas Artes de Badajoz y Diputación de Badajoz

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