

MARIANA DE PONTEJOS DE SANDOVAL, MARCHIONESS OF PONTEJOS (MARIANA DE PONTEJOS DE SANDOVAL, MARQUESA DE PONTEJOS)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

INVENTARIO

HISTORIA

Ca. 1786

National Gallery of Art. Washington, Washington,
United States

210.3 x 127 cm

Oil on canvas

Undisputed work

Andrew W. Mellon Collection

24 Jan 2010 / 15 Jun 2023

163 (1941.10.1)

This work was probably painted in 1786 when Mariana married Francisco Antonio Moñino y Redondo, Spain's Ambassador to Portugal and brother of the Count of Floridablanca.

On the death of the Duchess all her possessions were inherited by her oldest daughter, who was married to the future Marquis of Miraflores. This fact explains the provenance of this canvas:

it was passed down to the Marquis of Miraflores in Madrid, and acquired from him by Andrew W. Mellon. From his collection, the painting went on to form part of the collection of the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

The Marchioness of Pontejos (1762-1834) lived in Madrid in a palace on the Carrera de San Jerónimo until 1820 when she was forced into exile to Paris. She is wearing an aristocratic grey dress decorated with chiffon, lace, pink ribbons and flowers, which give a touch of cheer and liveliness to her outfit. Goya spent a great deal of time working on the details of this dress, as can be seen from the wrinkles in the chiffon of the overskirt, which are magnificently executed. The sitter's showy, powdered wig is worn under a cream coloured bonnet, while on her feet she wears heeled chopines.

Her inexpressive face is fine and delicate. In her right hand she is holding a rose. By her side we can see a dog - a symbol of faithfulness - which is executed with light brushstrokes yet is realist in style. This type of portrait, with its idyllic landscape in the background, shows the influence of French and British styles.

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Goya y el espíritu de la Ilustración

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1988

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Goya. 250 Aniversario

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1996

consultant editor Juan J. Luna. From March 29th to June 2nd 1996

cat. 67

Goya. La imagen de la mujer

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2001

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