

# PICNIC IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (MERIENDA EN EL CAMPO) (SKETCH)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. TAPESTRY CARTOONS

SERIE: TAPESTRY CARTONS: TYPES OF SPAIN (PAINTING, SKETCHES AND DRAWINGS, 1776-1778)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1776 - 1778

UBICACIÓN

Bayerische Staatsgemaldesammlungen, Munich, Germany

DIMENSIONES

42 x 54.5 cm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Oil on canvas

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

Bayerische Staatsgemaldesammlungen

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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## HISTORIA

Supposed sketch for a tapestry cartoon that was never carried out.

This study came to light thanks to Xavier Desparmet Fitz-Gerald, who published it in his catalogue. Gaya Nuño also considered it to be an original Goya in his publication of 1958. Morales does not hesitate to point out that this sketch could have been a preparatory study

for the cartoon *The Picnic*, just like *Majos Picnicking*, a sketch whose attribution to Goya has given rise to many doubts.

The work belonged to the collection of the Marquis of Montevirgen and then to that of the Marquis of Alcedo, in Madrid, from where it came to form part of that of the Bordeaux painter Jean Gabriel Domergue, in Paris. Lastly it came to rest at the museum where it is housed today.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Going by its dimensions, it appears that this work could have formed a pair with another supposed sketch, *The Hijacking*, which never made it to become a tapestry, either.

A group of people have gathered in the countryside for a picnic. On the left, somewhat separate from the rest, a young man is feeling unwell after having overindulged, and an old woman holds his head, whilst a maja looks on cheerfully.

If this work was in fact a sketch for a tapestry cartoon that was never made, perhaps the causes that prevented its execution were the unsuitability of the subject matter taking into account the tapestry's destination, or the complexity and technical difficulties that copying it to the loom would have involved.

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cat. 2

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

Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953  
from January 23th to April 12th 1953  
cat. 1

##### Stora Spanska Mästare

Nationalmuseum Stockholm 1959  
cat. 129

##### Goya

Musée Jacquemart-André Paris 1961  
consultant editor Jean-Gabriel Domergue. From December 1961 to February 1962  
cat. 9

##### Goya. Das Zeitalter der Revolutionen. Kunst um 1800 (1980 – 1981)

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