# VARILARGUERO ON THE SHOULDERS OF A PIMP, STINGING A BULL (BULLFIGHTING D) (PREPARATORY DRAWING)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (37B/46)



**DATOS GENERALES** CRONOLOGÍA UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA TITULAR FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN INVENTARIO

INSCRIPCIONES 6 (in pencil, upper left-hand corner)

- 9 (in pencil, lower left corner)
- Unpublished (reverse, upper left)

### HISTORIA

See How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside.

Ca. 1814 - 1815 The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain 182 x 308 mm

Documented work El Prado National Museum 03 Oct 2021 / 22 Jun 2023 2085 (D4323) This preparatory drawing passed by inheritance in 1828 to Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 to Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera, along with many other drawings by Goya, including almost all the preparatory studies for the *Bullfight*, by the Directorate General of Public Instruction, and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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Preparatory drawing of the print Varilarguero on the shoulders of a pimp, stinging a bull (Bullfighting D). We see how a bullfighter, on the shoulders of another bullfighter or a pimp, stabs the bull in front of him, who enters the cape held by the other figure. Lafuente Ferrari is convinced that the scene was performed in the Madrid bullring by Juan Jorge, known as Joaquinín, around 1776.

Here we see two symmetrical groups of figures and another secondary group at the back of the scene, between the two, a pattern that will be maintained in the later print. The barrier of the bullring can be slightly glimpsed, but the most careful part of the drawing is that of the two groups of figures in the foreground, including the bull, which shows a great deal of movement. Gassier considers that the fact that there are two groups of figures in parallel only detracts from the importance of both, for although the whole is harmonious, neither stands out and both lose prominence.

There are two points of light in the scene, one in each of the groups in the foreground.

The present preparatory drawing was transferred to the plate, and thus to the print, with remarkable fidelity.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The paper retains creases from being passed through the press.

#### EXPOSICIONES

Goya. Exposition de l'oeuvre gravé, de peintures, de tapisseries et de cent dix dessins du Musée du Bibliothèque nationale de France París 1935 cat. 276 Los dibujos de Goya Museo Provincial de Zaragoza Zaragoza 1978 exhibition organized by Museo Provincial de Zaragoza, Ministerio de Cultura and Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza, exhibition guide written by Miguel Beltrán Lloris and Micaela Pérez Sáenz. October 1978 pp. 36-37, cat. 93

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