BANDERILLAS IN THE COUNTRY (BANDERILLAS EN EL CAMPO)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. VARIOUS SUBJECTS

SERIE: CABINET PICTURES (PAINTING, 1793 - 1794) (3/14)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1793
UBICACIÓN	Colección Masaveu, Oviedo, Spain
DIMENSIONES	43 x 32 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Oil on tin
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
TITULAR	Colección Masaveu
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	28 Apr 2010 / 14 Jun 2023

HISTORIA

This work was painted during Goya's stay in Cádiz and was given to the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando, Madrid, in January 1794.

Before reaching its current location it belonged to a number of different collections, including those of: Ángela Suplice Chopinot, Juan Agustín Ceán Bermúdez and the Marquis of La Torrecilla, all in Madrid.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

The scene takes place in a tentadero, a pen used to test the condition of young fighting bulls. From the wall surrounding the enclosure, a group of majos wearing capes and hats are watching the scene in the middle of the composition, where four bullfighters are at work. There, the banderilleros, dressed in their colourful outfits, illustrate the four consecutive phases of this part of the bullfight, in which the harpoons known as banderillas are thrust into the animal.

The artist has captured the toreros in the foreground in much greater detail, leaving the more distant spectators less well defined. The predominantly earthy tones of the painting cause the bright red cape worn by one of the figures at the back to jump out. The blue sky is crossed with clouds, painted in a spectrum that goes from grey to white. In the distance we can make out a large white building which could be an Andalusian farmhouse, one of many which Goya would have seen during the time he spend in the south of Spain.

For more information, see *Bulls in the Meadow*.

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