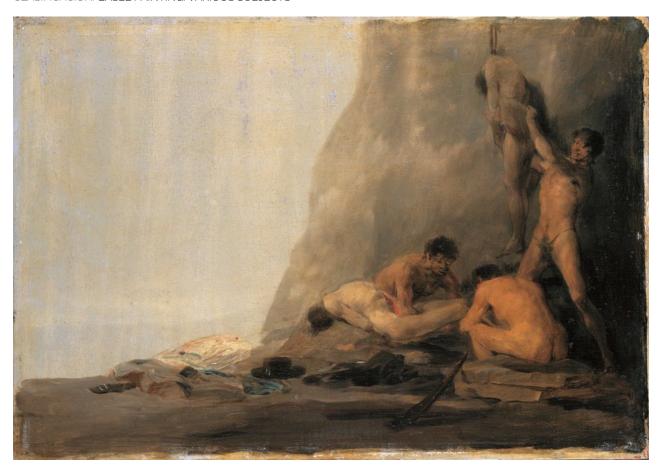
CANNIBALS PREPARING THEIR VICTIMS (CANÍBALES PREPARANDO A SUS VÍCTIMAS)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. VARIOUS SUBJECTS



DATOS GENERALESCRONOLOGÍA
UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

INVENTARIO

1798 - 1800

Musée des Beaux- Arts et d' Archéologie de

Besançon, Besançon, France

32 x 46 cm

Óleo sobre madera Documented work

Musée des Beaux-Arts et d'Archéologie de

Besançon

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381 (896.1.176)

HISTORIA

This work and its companion piece, *Cannibals Contemplating Human Remains*, belonged to the painter Jean François Gigoux (Besançon, 1806-Besançon, 1894), who bequeathed them to the Musée des Beaux-Arts et d'Archéologie in his home town.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In this painting we see a group of three cannibals as they prepare the bodies of their victims

in order to eat them. One of the cannibals has his hand in the guts of one cadaver whilst another is skinning the body of a man hanging above the group. Both bodies have been stripped of their clothes, which we can see scattered across the ground.

The way in which the scene depicts human anatomy is particularly striking. The bodies which are about to be devoured are naked, deprived of all dignity, yet so are those of the cannibals, in this case in allusion to their primitive state.

It is fairly likely that Goya would have known the story of the Jesuit missionaries Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lallemant, murdered by Iroquoi tribespeople in Canada in 1649 and then eaten by cannibals. This story could have been what inspired this work by Goya, in which the artist has resorted to his own imagination in order to recreate this scene of cannibalism. Goya thus continued with the reflections which he initiated in the works painted in Cádiz in around 1793, in which he started to explore some of the deeper and at times more shameful corners of the human mind.

In these paintings about cannibalism, the Aragonese artist looks at the most irrational part of man, and in so doing gives a foretaste of Théodore Géricault's (Rouen, 1791-Paris, 1824) famous take on this same subject, The Raft of the Medusa (1818, Musée du Louvre, Paris).

EXPOSICIONES

Peintures de Goya des collections de France

Musée de l'Orangerie París 1938 cat. 14

De Tiépolo à Goya

Galerie des Beaux-Arts Burdeos 1956 consultant editor Gilberte Martin-Méry. From May 7th to July 31st 1956 cat. 121

Koninklijk Kabinet van Schilderijen

Gova

Mauritshuis The Hauge 1970 organized by Ministerio de Estado y Asuntos Culturales and Réunion des Musées Nationaux, July 4th to September 13th 1970. Exhibited also at the Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries, Paris, October 25th to December 7th 1970, consultant editors Jeannine Baticle and A. B. de Vries

cat. 23

Goya y el Mundo Moderno

Museo de Zaragoza Zaragoza 2008 organized by the Fundación Goya en Aragón at the Museo de Zaragoza, consultant editors Valeriano Bozal and Concepción Lomba Serrano. From December 18th 2008 to March 22nd 2009

Goya

Ministry of Foreing Affairs Burdeos 1951 organized by the Bordeaux City Hall, consultant editor Gilberte Martin-Méry. From May 16th to June 30th 1951

cat. 2

cat. 23

Goya. El Capricho y la Invención. Cuadros de gabinete, bocetos y miniaturas Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1993

from November 18th 1993 to February 15th 1994. Exhibited also at the Royal Academy of Arts, London, March 18th to June 12th 1994 and The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, July 16th to October 16th 1994, consultant editors Manuela B. Mena Marqués and Juliet Wilson-Bareau

cat. 82

Agen 2019 cat. 11

Goya

Prado National Museum Madrid 1951 **July 1951** cat. 11

Goya and his times

The Royal Academy of Arts London 1963 cat. 66 cat. 103

Goya en tiempos de guerra

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