

CHARITY (CARIDAD)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (27/82)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1810
DIMENSIONES	163 x 236 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching, aquatint, burin, drypoint and burnisher
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	02 Dec 2010 / 07 Nov 2024
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Goya (lower left-hand corner), *11* (lower left-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass*.

In the artist's proofs we can see a gradual softening in the definition of the muscles of the corpses being thrown into the mass grave.

The title was handwritten on the print by Goya in the first and only series that is known to have been printed at the time the works were created, which the artist gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. Therefore, the title was etched into the plate at a later date and left unchanged as of the first edition of the Disasters of War printed by the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid in 1863, after the printing of the

series in the possession of Ceán Bermúdez.

There is a surviving *preparatory drawing* for this print which is housed in the Prado Museum in Madrid.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In order to avoid the spread of diseases in times of war, corpses were buried in mass graves. This is exactly what Goya shows in this print, in which we can see various men throwing decapitated, totally naked bodies into a grave. On the edge of the pit other naked corpses are piled up, ready to be thrown into the grave.

The title of the print is loaded with a strong sense of irony, since there is little charity in this gesture: on the contrary, it is an act of selfishness, as was the concern to attend to the wounded in order to ensure that they could later go forth into battle once more.

In the background we can see a standing figure who stares into space with a preoccupied expression. This might be a self-portrait of Goya himself witnessing the scene. It is likely that the artist would have seen some scenes of this kind in person and that he would have made studies in the moment of the action. However, the dominant trend in this series of avoiding characterizing figures or giving specific geographical references suggests that the majority of the images in *The Disasters of War* were the fruit of a mental process of composition based on events that the artist had seen.

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is stored in the National Chalcography (cat. 278).

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De grafiek van Goya

Rijksmuseum Rijksprentenkabinet Amsterdam 1970

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Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

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Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra

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