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	19 Nov 2009 / 14 Jun 2023

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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