CHILDREN PLAYING LEAPFROG (NIÑOS JUGANDO A PÍDOLA)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. VARIOUS SUBJECTS

SERIE: KIDS GAMES (PAINTING, CA. 1777 - 1785) (5/6)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1777 - 1785
UBICACIÓN	Valencia Museum of Fine Arts, Valencia, Spain
DIMENSIONES	30.9 x 43.9 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Oil on canvas
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
TITULAR	Dr. Ignacio Tarazona Blanch Foundation
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	26 Apr 2010 / 03 Jul 2024
INVENTARIO	376 (579)

HISTORIA

This canvas was donated by María de la Encarnación Marqués to the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Carlos, Valencia, in 1926.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Here we see a group of seven children playing leapfrog. The scene takes place outdoors, in front of a backdrop of sheets hung out to dry and, further back, some buildings. The Aragonese artist has recreated a number of different postures typical to this game, from the

upright position of one child who is getting ready to jump, to the bent over posture of the person to be jumped over, as well as what happens when someone takes a tumble. It is possible that Goya was inspired to paint this picture by the work entitled *Children Playing Leapfrog (Niños jugando al filderecho)* (Ca. 1725, Palacio de la Granja, National Heritage, Segovia), which Michel-Ange Houasse (Paris, 1680-Arpajon, 1730) painted during his stay in Spain.

The rapid, thick brushstrokes with which he captures the boys' clothing contrasts with the lighter touches used in the buildings in the background. Goya has painted the scenery in light, cold tones, helping to set off the dark silhouettes of the children at play.

There exist four copies of *Children Playing Leapfrog*. One of them can be found in the Santamarca collection in Madrid, but since July 2024 it is on deposit at the Goya Museum, Ibercaja Collection; another in the Ródenas collection, and the last two in private collections in Barcelona and Madrid.

For more information, see *Children playing soldiers*.

EXPOSICIONES

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Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art Sapporo 1991
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El món de Goya y López en el Museo Sant Pius V
Museo San Pio V Valencia 1992
consultant editor Rafael Gil Salinas. From March to May 1992
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