WHY HIDE THEM?

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (30/85)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1797 - 1799
DIMENSIONES	218 x 153 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching, burnished aquatint and drypoint
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	08 Dec 2010 / 29 May 2024
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Why hide them? (at the bottom)

30. (in the upper right-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter*.

There is a known status test before the letter in which the title is written in sanguine.

In the first printings the title ended in a full stop, which was later corrected by replacing it with a question mark.

Two preparatory drawings of this engraving have survived *(1)* and *(2)*.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In the foreground an old miser with deformed features tries to hide, almost to protect with his bent body, two bags of coins. Next to him, slightly in the background, a man in a frock coat and top hat can be seen pointing with his hand to the left. Somewhat further back, three other figures can be seen laughing at the old man's attitude. Goya is at pains to capture the physical decrepitude of the old miser as this is, at the same time, a way of characterising him from a moral point of view.

It is possible that those to whom the situation arouses a certain hilarity are relatives of the old man, perhaps his nephews and nieces, as indicated in the interpretation of this engraving provided by the manuscripts of Ayala and the National Library, who are confidently awaiting the death of the character. These texts suggest that the subject of the image could be either a bishop or a cleric.

The Aragonese painter worked on the basis of parallel lines without delimiting the outlines of the figures, using aquatint to achieve the cohesion of the figures and to shade the different planes.

In this print Goya criticises greed, which had already been dealt with, among other cases, in *Moral Dreams, Visions, and Visits of Torres with Don Francisco de Quevedo in Madrid* by Diego de Torres Villarroel (Salamanca, 1693-1770).

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is preserved in the National Chalcography (no. 201)

EXPOSICIONES

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cat. 176

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Nationalmuseum Stockholm 1994
consultant editors Juan J. Luna and Görel Cavalli-Björkman. From October 7th 1994 to January 8th 1995
cat. 61

Francisco de Goya
Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996
exhibition celebrated from September 22nd to November 17th.
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Fondazione Magnani Rocca Mamiano di Traversetolo (Parma) 2006
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