MARTINCHO'S RECKLESSNESS IN ZARAGOZA SQUARE

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (18/46)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1814 - 1816
DIMENSIONES	246 x 354 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Aguafuerte, aguatinta, punta seca y bruñidor
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	01 Oct 2021 / 22 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	964 -

INSCRIPCIONES

18 (estampado, ángulo superior derecho)

HISTORIA

See *How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside*.

The plate is kept at the National Chalcography (nº 351).

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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Third of the five prints of the "extended" version of *Bullfighting*, dedicated to the exploits of Martincho (Nos. 15, 16, 18, 19 and H). This one focuses specifically on the madness carried out by the bullfighter in a bullfight that took place in Zaragoza and which Goya himself may have attended in his youth. Its composition is remarkable, considering that it changes the point of view he was accustomed to throughout the series, as the Aragonese artist creates unexpected angles of vision for each specific situation and for each of the three characters (bull, bullfighter and spectators) in this engraving.In this case, the bullring barrier can be seen on the left-hand side of the scene, while on the right is the bullfighter seated on a chair with shackles on his feet, ready to kill the bull, who has just come out of the bullring door. The bull, who has seen Martincho, makes the gesture of charging at the bull in front of him. The bullfighter, seated in the saddle, rapier in one hand and hat in the other, looks defiantly at the beast. The audience behind the barrier is watching the action with rapt attention.

Almost the entire scene is tinged with the grey typical of burnished aquatint, except for the bullfighter's jacket, the only point of light in the scene. The darkness of the bull and the shadows on the ground around the figures are particularly striking, although the shadow in the upper left-hand corner is particularly striking, allowing us to focus our attention on the central area of the composition.

The first manuscript title that Goya gave to the print, *Killing Seated, with Shackles*, typically Goyaesque in its brevity and conciseness, is very precise in relation to the action that Martincho performs: killing the bull while seated and with his feet locked in shackles.

According to Glendinning, the somewhat distorted way in which the faces are treated, which in his opinion implies a criticism of those who participate in one way or another in a bullfight, relates this picture to other B*ullfighting* pictures such as *AAnother Madness of His in the Same Square*, *Ceballos himself, mounted on another bull, broke rejones in the bullring of Madrid, A bullfighter falls from his horse under the bull, The hard-working Rendón stinging a bull from whose fate he died in the bullring in Madrid*, *Fire flags*, and *Two groups of bullfighters run over at once by a single bull.*

Sayre, for his part, stresses the bold composition, characterised by the diagonals in the stretcher, and points out that the print is related to the next one, *Another Madness of His in the Same Square*, by the title.

The print is also closely related to another engraving of similar subject matter that was discarded by Goya but of which three state proofs are known: *Fearlessness of Martincho (Bullfighting H).*

There is a preparatoryy drawing for this print aldo entitled *Martincho's recklessness in Zaragoza square*.

CONSERVACIÓN

18 (print, upper right-hand corner)

EXPOSICIONES

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catalogue Elena Páez Ríos

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Fundación Juan March Madrid 1994
consultant editors Alfonso E. Pérez Sánchez and Julián Gállego, from

January 14th to March 20th 1994

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Goya grabador
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Marbella 1996
from March 8th to May 5th 1996

Zaragoza 1996

Schlaf der Vernunft. Original radierungen von Francisco de Goya
Munich 2000

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Goya en tiempos de guerra
Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2008
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cat. 151

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Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum
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PALABRAS CLAVE

ESCUELA DE TOREO NAVARRO-ARAGONESA ESTOQUE GRILLOS GRILLETES SILLA TEMERIDAD LOCURAS DE MARTINCHO ANTONIO EBASSUN MARTINCHO TOREO A PIE TOREO TOROS

ENLACES EXTERNOS