VENTURA RODRÍGUEZ

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

INVENTARIO

1784

Nationalmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden

107 x 81 cm

Oil on canvas

Documented work

Nationalmuseum

20 Jan 2010 / 15 Jun 2023

267 (4574)

INSCRIPCIONES

Retrato Original de D.n Ventura Rodríguez / Arquitecto del Sereni.mo Sr Infante D / Luis y Maestro mayor de la Villa de / Madrid que de orden de la mui Ill.a / S.ra Esposa de S.A. pinx. D.n Fran Goya año de 1784 ("Original portrait of Don Ventura Rodríguez, Architect of His Highness the Señor Infante Don Luis and Master Builder of Madrid, by order of his wife, Her Highness [...], painted by Don Franci

HISTORIA

This painting came from the Palace of Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), later belonging to the collections of the Count of Altamira, Madrid; the Marquis of Castro Monte, Madrid; Prince Wagram of Paris; Trotti Co., Paris; Boussod et Valadon, Montaignac; Heilbuth, Copenhagen; Dr. Wendland, Paris; and Gava & Amundsen Duve, New York; finally being acquired by the Museum of Stockholm in 1949.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Ventura Rodríguez (Madrid, 1717-1785) was the favourite architect of Don Luis de Bourbon, the brother of Charles III. This portrait was made one year before the death of the architect, who Goya already knew. In fact, he is thought to be the artist of a sketch in which this same sitter appears alongside Don Luis de Bourbon.

This half-length portrait shows Rodríguez holding some architectural plans in his left hand, and pointing to his grand project for the Holy Chapel of the Basilica of El Pilar, in Zaragoza, of which he was known to always be very proud. Behind him we can see a column and a dark background, giving a heightened sense of volume to the figure.

He is wearing a wig, an elegant dress coat, green waistcoat and a white shirt with lace frills and cuffs, in the Madrid fashion.

In the depiction of the subject's face, Goya was able to capture with great skill the architect's pride and satisfaction with the chapel project, and his eyes reveal his enthusiasm.

EXPOSICIONES

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