AND THEY'RE NOT LEAVING YET!

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (59/85)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1797 - 1799
DIMENSIONES	219 x 152 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Aguafuerte, aguatinta bruñida y buril
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	28 Dec 2010 / 21 Jun 2024
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Y aún no se van! (at the bottom)

59. (in the upper right-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter*.

There is a proof of the condition prior to the burnishing of the first aquatint and the additional aquatint in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. It shows that this engraving was originally intended to be entitled *La*

trampa ("The Trap"), but the title was crossed out and replaced by *Salga lo que saliere* ("Whatever Comes Out").

In the first printings the title was misspelled, with a full stop instead of an exclamation point at the end of the sentence, until the error was corrected.

A *preparatory drawing* for this engraving is in the Prado Museum in Madrid.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

A naked man with a skeletal body holds a huge slab that seems to be about to topple over and bury him. Behind him is a woman with a haggard, cadaverous face who clasps her hands together as if pleading for the huge stone not to fall on them. Further back, Goya has captured two crouching figures, equally thin and terrified.

The painter has masterfully used aquatint to create the shadow cast by the slab on the figures behind it. He defines a lighter space which serves to reveal the frightened woman with her hands clasped on her chest and those crouching further back. With this technique he recreates various shades of grey that suggest a spectral, almost misty atmosphere that increases the gloomy aspect of the image.

In the manuscript in the National Library this print is interpreted as follows: "Even when their feet are in the grave, men are so engrossed in their vices that they do not flee from the slab of death that is about to fall on them, or they do not think of making amends". In the manuscript of Ayala it is said: "Mortals are so blinded in their vices that they are watching the slab of death fall on them and they do not even mend their ways". Finally, the manuscript in the Museo Nacional del Prado notes: "He who does not reflect on the instability of fortune, sleeps peacefully, surrounded by dangers: he does not know how to avoid the harm that threatens, nor is there any misfortune that surprises him".

Edith Helman believes that in this image there is a veiled allusion to the Spanish political and social reality of the late 18th century. Just as the witches are still active when the day begins to dawn, the old obscurantist elements are still in power, even though the new ones are already on the move.

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in rather poor condition, with the aquatint very worn (National Chalcography, no. 230).

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cat. 57

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Madrid 1992
organized by Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando sponsored by Fundación Central Hispano, Madrid, consultant editor Nigel Glendinnig. From October 26th 1992 to January 10th 1993
cat. 178

Francisco de Goya
Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996
exhibition celebrated from September 22nd to November 17th.
cat. 59, p.86

Francisco Goya. Sein leben im spiegel der graphik. Fuendetodos 1746-1828 Bordeaux. 1746-1996
Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996
from November 21st 1996 to January 1997
cat. 65

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WILSON BAREAU, Juliet
pp. 42-75
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COTENTIN, Régis
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