ASENSIO JULIÀ “EL PESCADORET”

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1798
UBICACIÓN	Museum Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	54.5 x 41 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Oil on canvas
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	24 Feb 2010 / 16 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	309 166 (1971.1)

INSCRIPCIONES

Goya a su /Amigo Asensi ("[By] Goya, to his friend Asensi", in lower left-hand corner).

HISTORIA

This work was acquired in Spain by Baron Taylor for the Spanish Gallery of Louis Philippe d'Orléans (opened in Paris in 1938). It was sold in 1853, together with the rest of that collection, at Christie & Manson, London, being acquired by Durlacher, also of London. Later it belonged to the collections of the Duke of Montpensier, in the Palace of San Telmo, Seville;

the Infante Antoine d'Orléans, at Sanlúcar de Barrameda; the Countess of Paris; Durand Ruel, Paris, in 1911; and Arthur Sachs, also in Paris, in 1928. It was sold at Sotheby's of London on the 24th May 1971 to the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection in Lugano, Switzerland.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Asensio Juliá (Valencia, 1760-Madrid, 1832) was a painter and an engraver. He studied at Valencia's San Carlos Academy of Fine Arts and at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando, in Madrid. He worked with Goya on the ceilings for the chapel of San Antonio de la Florida in Madrid. He was known as "El Pescadoret" ("The Little Fisherman") because he came from a family of fishermen.

Here he is shown in a dramatically lit room filled with wooden scaffolding, as well as a workbench on the left-hand side and painting tools on the floor on the right-hand side. These clues suggest that this may be the interior of the chapel of San Antonio de la Florida, where Goya painted his frescoes in 1798, with Asensió Juliá working as his assistant.

He is wearing a dark artist's robe, with blue edging, and elegant shoes decorated with bows. His left hand, as in many of Goya's portraits, is hidden inside his clothes. His face is turned to one side, giving us a better view of his long, loose hair and his broad forehead.

The artist's serious and concentrated pose gives him an intriguing air.

In this work, Goya shows himself to be ahead of his time, employing thick, loose brushstrokes alongside quick touches of bold colour.

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consultant editor Julián Gállego
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