

DISPATCHES, WHICH AWAKEN

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (78/85)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

218 x 152 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching and burnished aquatint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

16 Jan 2011 / 29 May 2024

INVENTARIO

836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Despacha, que dispiértan. (at the bottom)

78. (in the upper right-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

A single state proof prior to the additional burnishing is preserved in the Prado Museum, in which the handwritten title can be read with the word "Despacha" crossed out and corrected underneath in careful

calligraphy.

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

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Three monks are concentrating on various domestic tasks. In the foreground, one is cleaning a plate under the watchful eye of another, who is in profile and holding a broom, perhaps whispering the title of the print in his ear. In the background, another figure is stoking the fire with a bellows.

The figures have been described by means of parallel lines executed with etching. He then applied a fine-grained aquatint to achieve a medium tone that creates an intimate atmosphere in the scene.

The commentary in the Prado manuscript identifies them as goblins: "The little goblins are the most industrious and helpful people that can be found: as long as the maid keeps them happy, they stir the pot, cook the vegetables, scrub, sweep and quiet the child; it has been much disputed whether they are devils or not; let us be disabused, devils are those who are busy doing evil, or hindering others from doing good, or doing nothing at all". The manuscript in the National Library comments: "The friars have their meals alone at night with the nuns; they wash the dishes and they blow the fire", and Ayala's notes: "The friars and nuns have night parties to sing well during the day".

There are several engravings in the series of *The Caprices* in which Goya censures certain attitudes of members of the Church, especially the monks, who were also known as goblins (no. 49, *Goblins*, and no. 79, *No One Has Seen Us*). In this case he satirizes the detached life they led, with no other concerns than to devote themselves to domestic chores after having satisfied their carnal appetites.

CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in rather poor condition preserved (National Chalcography, no. 249).

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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

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Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996

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