

# ORIGIN OF HARPOONS OR SPEARS

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (7/46)



## DATOS GENERALES

|                                      |                                              |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| CRONOLOGÍA                           | 1814 - 1816                                  |
| DIMENSIONES                          | 245 x 352 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                           | 2004 -                                       |

## INSCRIPCIONES

7(print, upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

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

Lafuente Ferrari points out the existence of a print of a copy of the *Bullfighting* prior to the first edition. No proofs of condition have been preserved.

The plate is kept at the National Chalcography, with *Varilarguero on the shoulders of a pimp, stinging a bull (Tauromaquia D)* print on the reverse.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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

The print is part of the subgroup, within the group of "historical" scenes of bullfighting (Nos. 1-11), dedicated to the bullfighting of the Moors (Nos. 3-8 and 17). Just as in *The Moors are doing another bullfight in the square with their dressing gown*, the scene takes place in a fenced enclosure, which can be glimpsed in the background and through which a crowd of people can be seen. At the same time, inside the fence there are two Moors seated facing the bullring where the bullfight is taking place, with another Moor quoting the bull with his left hand while with his right he holds a harpoon or spear which he prepares to stab the animal, which, in a totally static attitude and in side profile, is placed in front of him. Two other Moors observe the bullfight behind the one who is performing it.

Lafuente Ferrari comments that the use of a single spear goes back to the origins of bullfighting, as two spears would later be used.

There are certain differences with the preparatory drawing, also entitled *Origin of harpoons or spears*, especially in the background and in the spear.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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catalogue Elena Páez Ríos

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##### **Grabados de Goya: colección propiedad de la Biblioteca Nacional, que se conserva en su Gabinete de**

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### **PALABRAS CLAVE**

**TOROS TOREO CAPOTE CITAR ARPÓN BANDERILLA BANDERILLAS MOROS  
MAMELUCO**

### **ENLACES EXTERNOS**