

# DREAM OF CONSUMMATED WITCHES (7TH DREAM)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (69C/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

INVENTARIO

Ca. 1796 - 1797

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

244 x 169 mm

Documented work

El Prado National Museum

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## INSCRIPCIONES

7 (in pencil; recto, top centre)

37 (in pencil; recto, lower left-hand corner)

88 (in pencil; recto, lower right-hand corner)

*Sueño de Brujas / consumadas* (in pencil; recto, bottom centre)

16 (verso, right-hand side)

16 (reverse, left)

Watermark: *H C WEND / & / ZOONEN* [Large shield with helmet and letters "H C W" inside].

#### HISTORIA

On the gestation, history and aims of the series known as *Dreams*, a set of preparatory drawings for *The Caprices*, see *Dream 1: Universal Language*.

Line of provenance of the present drawing: Javier Goya; Mariano Goya, 1854; Valentín Carderera, ca. 1861; Mariano Carderera, 1880; Prado Museum, 1886.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Preparatory drawing for *Caprice 69. Blow*, the initial idea already appeared in the drawing *Aunt Chorriones lights the bonfire* (B. 57).

The scene is an example, as Manuela Mena describes, of how to dominate and bend children to the witch's will. In this case the exact purpose is to stoke the fire, while the rest of the wizards and witches admire their master's achievements. The witch's exploits are evident in the final edition stamped through her successful expression as she boasts of having achieved her goal. In the sky another flying witch gazes with maternal tenderness at the two infants she carries with her, while another spreads her powerful owl wings and looks up at the sky with gratitude.

This is one of the scenes in which Goya used the witch and her demonic acts as a metaphor for man's evil. It is one of the most sophisticated and technically complex drawings, with highly detailed anatomy and grotesque faces.

It is also related to the preparatory drawing *Dream 6. Proclamation of witches forbidding those under thirty years of age, no matter how meritorious their flying may be*.

The drawing shows the imprint of the foil print left by the pressure of the press during the intaglio process on the copper plate measuring 214 x 150 mm, as well as vertical stipples measuring 25-26 mm.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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Alte Nationalgalerie Berlin 2005

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#### PALABRAS CLAVE

**BRUJERÍA NIÑO-FUELLE SUEÑO CAPRICHOS CABEZA NIÑOS CAPRICCIO**

#### ENLACES EXTERNOS