THE LITERARY DONKEY (26TH DREAM)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (39B/85)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1797 - 1798
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	228 x 151 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	15 Dec 2010 / 23 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	567 (D. 3919)

INSCRIPCIONES

26 [cut] (in pencil; recto, upper middle)

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

El Asno Literato (in pencil; recto, lower centre)

25 (in pencil; reverse, upper right-hand corner)

Watermark: *H.C. Wend & Zoonen*

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

This drawing, which belongs to the series of *Dreams*, is one of the preliminary works for *Capricho No. 39, Until his Grandfather* and, in turn, is inspired by the drawing in *Notebook B, Masks of B. There are also masks of literary donkeys (B.72)*. It is believed to be number 26 in the series.

With regard to the drawing in *Notebook B,* Goya has introduced an element that gradually brings us closer to the meaning of engraving. On the table on which the donkey is leaning we can see a coat of arms that would allude to the animal's noble origins. The donkey seems to be lost in thought and is looking straight ahead, whereas in the engraving it is turned towards the viewer.

EXPOSICIONES

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from October 6th to December 18th 1988. Exhibited also at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, January 18th to March 26th 1989; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Nueva York, May 9th to July 16th 1989, Madrid curator Manuela B. Mena Marqués, scientific directors Alfonso E. Pérez Sánchez and Eleanor A. Sayre
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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
p. 211, cat. 125

Goya. La imagen de la mujer
Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2001
from October 30th 2001 to February 10th 2002. Exhibitied also at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, March 10th to June 2nd 2002, consultant editor Francisco Calvo Serraller
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p. 67, fig. 24.
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PALABRAS CLAVE

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