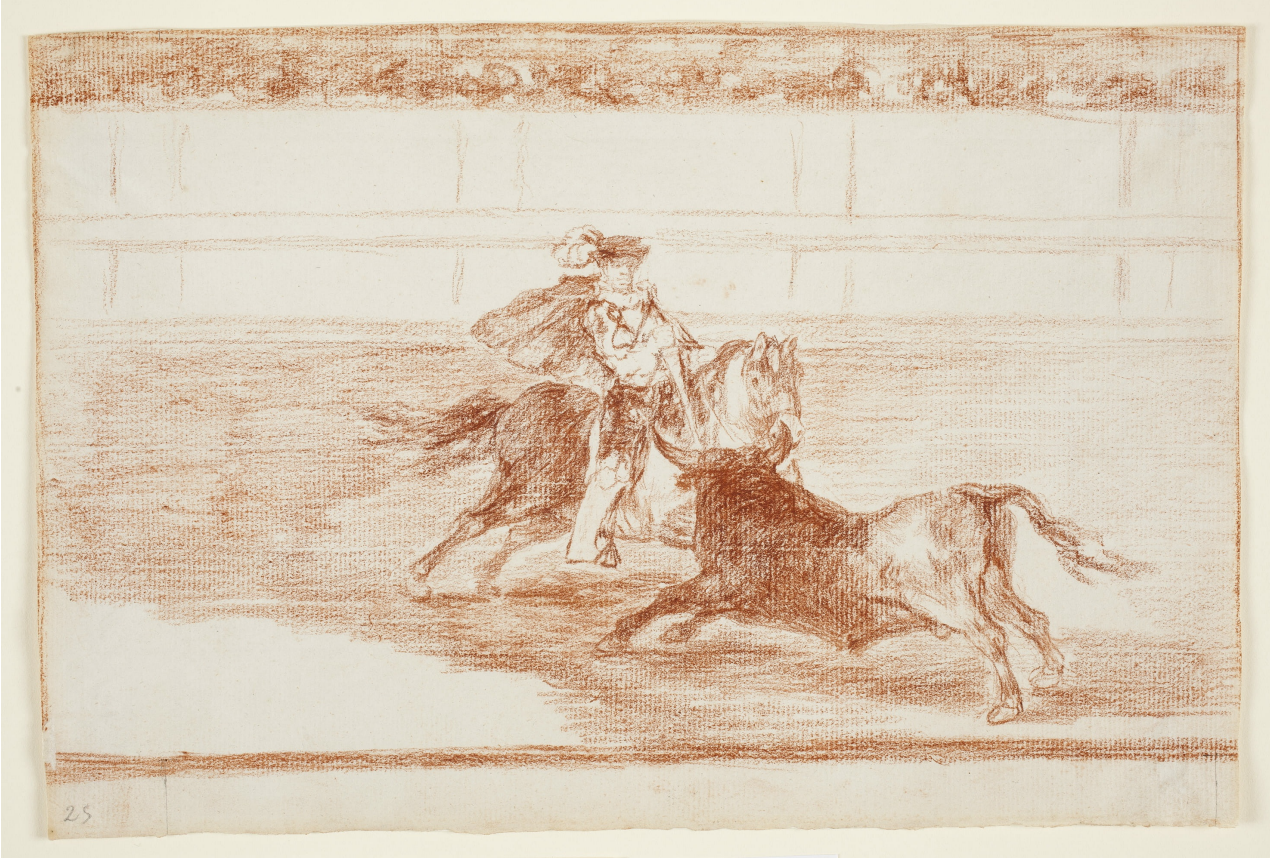
A SPANISH KNIGHT IN THE BULLRING BREAKING REJONCILLOS WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE PIMPS (PREPARATORY DRAWING)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (13B/46)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1814 - 1816
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	196 x 294 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	01 Oct 2021 / 22 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	2013 (D4298)

INSCRIPCIONES

25 (in pencil, lower left-hand corner)

HISTORIA

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

This preparatory drawing passed by inheritance in 1828 to Javier Goya, the painter's son, and

in 1854 to Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera, along with many other drawings by Goya, including almost all the preparatory studies for the *Bullfight*, by the Directorate General of Public Instruction, and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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Preparatory drawing of the print *A Spanish knight in the bullring breaking rejoncillos without the help of the pimps.* This is a high-quality preparatory study depicting a bullfighting scene on horseback in which a "caballero en plaza" on his mount rejonea a bull. The two, perfectly opposed to each other, are depicted in full movement. Goya captures the moment when the horseman is about to thrust the rejón into the animal's neck.

In the background is the barrier that can be seen in the print and behind it a large number of figures contemplating the scene, who in the engraving are reduced to a small group.

In the title of the print and the drawing itself, mention is made of the chulos, who entered the bullring to help the knight if necessary, although on this occasion the knight dispenses with them as he is sufficiently skilled to act alone.

The drawing was affixed to a second sheet of laid paper belonging to a French army record book in Spain.

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PALABRAS CLAVE

CHULO CABALLERESCO CABALLERO EN PLAZA CABALLERO REJONEO CABALLO REJONEAR

TOREO A CABALLO TOREO TOROS

ENLACES EXTERNOS