

# POOR FOLLY (PREPARATORY DRAWING)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: ABSURDITIES (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, CA.1815-1824)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1815 - 1819

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

241 x 338 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

TITULAR

El Prado National Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## INSCRIPCIONES

18 (in composite pencil, bottom left corner)

## HISTORIA

The drawing was inherited in 1828 by Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 by Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (ca. 1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera by the Directorate General of Public Instruction and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Preparatory drawing for *Poor Folly*. The drawing, although clearly preparatory to the print, is still very different from it. It does present the same arrangement of light and shade, with a notable chiaroscuro effect achieved by the light entering through the access to the architectural element on the right of the composition. The rest of the sketch is a tangle of straight lines and brushstroke curves that is difficult to interpret, although the girl who rushes into the scene with her arms outstretched, but only with one head, also appears. In this case, the young woman does not address a group of old women but throws herself into the arms of a male figure, perhaps a French soldier, as he is wearing a uniform very similar to the one depicted in numerous prints of the Disasters. She is pursued by a woman, not two as in the engraving, who possibly implores her not to continue with this madness. Above her rises a misty, almost flaming sky.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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#### PALABRAS CLAVE

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