

# THE FAMOUS FERNANDO DEL TORO, BARILARGUERO, FORCING THE WILD BEAST WITH HIS CLUB

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (27/46)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1814 - 1816

DIMENSIONES

244 x 351 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguatinta, punta seca, buril y bruñidor

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## INSCRIPCIONES

27 (print, upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

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

Two state proofs are preserved, one before aquatinting and the other before inscribing the number.

The plate is kept at the National Chalcography (nº 360).

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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

This scene depicts the encounter between a picador and his horse and the bull, who looks defiantly at them, while in the background of the composition other actions are taking place. Thus, in the background on the left, we see another picador on his horse and a couple of men in capes, while beside him on the ground lies another horse, wounded or dead. Behind the main picador is a man who seems to be holding a cape and, almost covered by the horse, another pair of men. They are three labourers assisting the picador. Further back, in the centre, the silhouettes of another two labourers are silhouetted against the barrier, but are very blurred, probably so as not to detract from the foreground, in which the heads of the bull and the horse of the main group stand out.

With regard to these blurred figures, several authors, including Beruete, point out the rarity of the fact that Goya left such apparently unfinished silhouettes. Beruete also points out that the horse ridden by the main picador is the only one in the entire series of the *Bullfighting*. Martínez-Novillo, for his part, interprets the two blurred silhouettes in the background as two figures that Goya may have wanted to erase but finally chose to leave there.

The main picador depicted in this print is none other than Fernando del Toro from Almonte, the most famous picador of the third quarter of the 18th century. He fought in Madrid in 1766 and the Court also requested him as picador in 1769, through the mediation of the Duke of Medina-Sidonia.

Holo discusses Goya's possible sources of inspiration for the work, the most likely in his opinion being popular prints. He places this engraving among those that speak of renowned bullfighters, narrate abuses of the animal and describe man's irrational behaviour in the light of the Enlightenment, so strongly advocated by Goya.

Due to its subject matter, the work is related to other prints in the series with famous picadors as protagonists, such as *Courage manly of the famous Pajuelera in the Zaragoza bullring* or *The hard-working Rendón chopping a bull, whose luck died in the Madrid bullring*.

There is a preparatory drawing of the present print, also titled *The famous Fernando del Toro, barilaguero, forcing the wild beast with his club*

#### EXPOSICIONES

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catalogue Elena Páez Ríos

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March 20th 1994

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## PALABRAS CLAVE

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