THE PEDANT

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICES NOT ENGRAVED



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1797
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	210 x 148 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Sanguine on laid paper
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	20 Aug 2021 / 19 Apr 2023
INVENTARIO	945 D4165

INSCRIPCIONES

Goya (in ink, lower left-hand corner)

Watermark: [Shield with helmet, bird inside, and underneath *"D.N J.PH GISBERT / ALCOY"]* (lower half)

HISTORIA

In the early 19th century the drawing belonged to the scholar and friend of Goya's Juan Agustín Ceán

Bermúdez (1749-1829). On his death in 1829 it passed to his widow and by the second half of the 19th century it was in the Parisian collection of Paul Lefort, who sold it at public auction held on 28-29 January 1869 at the Hôtel Drouot in Paris (lot 117), acquiring it from Pedro Fernández Durán de Madrid, who bequeathed it to the Museo del Prado by testamentary disposition on 6 July 1923. Following acceptance of the donation, the drawing entered the Prado Museum by Royal Order of 31 March 1931.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

See *Of Everything.*

This drawing, obtained by tracing the one on the front of the sheet, entitled *Of Everything*, shows the same main figure with the body of an ass and human arms, although in an inverted position, wearing a wig in the shape of an ass's ears and tempering his ovine facial features. In addition, Goya added a lyre at his feet, not included in the drawing on the obverse, as a possible satire on the pedants who know everything. At the same time, the bookcase in the drawing on the obverse was replaced by what appears to be an audience attending the master classes of this curious professor.

Both drawings could be related to *Caprice 39. Until His Grandfather,* which shows a donkey sitting in front of a table with a book between his hooves, and to earlier variants of it such as *Dream 26: The Literary Donkey* and *Masks of B. There are also masks of literary donkeys.*

This preparatory drawing for the *Caprices*, like the one on the front of the sheet, was not selected for engraving and included in the edition of the *Caprices*.

EXPOSICIONES

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