

OR THESE (NI POR ESAS)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (11/82)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1810 - 1815

DIMENSIONES

161 x 211 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching, lavis, drypoint and burin

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Goya (lower left-hand corner), *18* (lower left-hand corner).

HISTORIA

See Sad presentiments of what must come to pass.

There exist several state proofs of this etching. In the first of these, Goya uses drypoint on the left leg of the woman in the foreground and some retouching has been done with the burin on the trousers worn by the soldier on the left. In the second state proof he extends the lavis work right out to the edges of the plate. In the third, the number of the plate, 18, is added. And in the last state proof, the definitive number, 11, is added, and the lavis work around the edges is removed.

The title was handwritten by Goya on the first and only print run that we know to have been made at the time, and which the painter gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. The title was engraved on to the copperplate at a later date, and no other modifications were made to the image for the first edition of the *Disasters of War*, which was printed by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando, Madrid, in 1863.

There is a *preparatory drawing* in the Prado Museum

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Under a bridge, a French soldier, seen in profile, has seized a woman by the arms and is forcefully pulling her along. Next to her, on the ground, a naked baby is crying helplessly. In the middle ground another woman is being violently attacked by a second French soldier, his back turned to the viewer. In the background, through the arch, we can see a church, providing us with more context than is available in many of the other prints in the series. In the lower right-hand corner of the image Goya has depicted a figure, most likely a man, crouching down on the ground. Probably a relative of one of the women, this person is about to bear witness to the scene of rape that will surely follow these women's capture.

Or these continues the depiction of violence against women that Goya began in etchings no. 9, *They do not want to* and no. 10, *Not in this case either*. In each of these images the artist draws our attention to the bravery and courage of the women in resisting the assaults of the French soldiers. They do not form a narrative but rather show three isolated incidents, similar in nature and linked by a shared analogy. It is impossible to imagine a happy ending to these scenes, in which brute strength imposes itself inexorably.

This particular print is darker than many others in the *Disasters of War* series. Goya is clearly alluding to the fact that the scene is taking place in a remote spot, where the women have no hope of being rescued. Closing off the space is an archway that recalls the architectural structure in the artist's painting *Interior of a Prison*. In this shadowy setting, the whiteness of the soldier's dress coat, the woman's clothes, the body of the child and the face of the female figure in the middle ground make these elements stand out sharply.

The image of a child crying inconsolably, separated from its mother, was also represented by Goya in the painting *Scene of Kidnapping and Murder*, in which we see a bandit seizing a woman by the arms, just as occurs here in *Or these*.

Other etchings in which Goya addresses the role of women in war are no. 4, *The women give courage*, nº 7, *What courage!*, nº 9, *They do not want to*, nº 13, *Bitter presence*, nº 19, *There is no more time* and nº 31, *That's tough!*.

CONSERVACIÓN

The etching plate is conserved in the National Chalcography Museum (cat. 262).

EXPOSICIONES

Goya and his times

The Royal Academy of Arts London 1963

cat. 66

cat. 234

Goya. Das Zeitalter der Revolutionen. Kunst um 1800 (1980 - 1981)

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cat. 74

Francisco de Goya

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Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996

Ydioma universal: Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional

Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1996

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Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra

San Donato Milanese 2000

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Goya. La imagen de la mujer

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2001
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Goya luces y sombras

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consultant editor Manuela B.
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MEDINA, Víctor
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