

# TO WHOM THE GHOST WILL LOOK

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICES NOT ENGRAVED



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

206 x 148 mm

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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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## HISTORIA

The 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 Isidoro Brun (before 1879). It was later acquired by Pedro Fernández Durán of Madrid (1897?), 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

This is the recto of the drawing entitled *Man with a Skull*.

As Gassier pointed out, this drawing contains elements that would later reappear in other works by Goya. Such as the young man, similar to the fop of *Caprice 7. No does he distinguish it*, or the ghost, which is reproduced in *Caprice 3. The Coco is coming*, although at a smaller size, and in the *Fear folly*.

The subject is difficult to interpret. In the foreground, an stylishly dressed young man crouches down and gazes at the giant ghost in front of him on the right. In the background, a crowd is watching the scene, with the figure of a man looking at the ghost through a spyglass.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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#### PALABRAS CLAVE

**FANTASMA PETIMETRE MUCHEDUMBRE QUEVEDOS CATALEJO**

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