

# CHARLES IV (CARLOS IV)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1789

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

127 x 94 cm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Oil on canvas

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

El Prado National Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## HISTORIA

Goya was commissioned to paint this work, together with its companion piece, *María Luisa de Parma, Queen of Spain*, by the Spanish Mint and it was in the Finance Ministry until 1911, when it entered the Prado Museum.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

This is one of the replicas that Goya made of the portraits of King Charles IV and Queen

María Luisa de Parma to mark the coronation of December 1788.

The slightly more than half-length portrait shows the king standing, wearing a dusted wig. He is dressed in court attire, with a richly embroidered red velvet dress coat, lace ruff and cuffs, and matching red waistcoat and breeches. On his chest are the necklace of the Order of the Golden Fleece, the sash of San Genaro and the original sash of the Order of Charles III. On the right-hand side, in the background, we can see the two royal symbols: the crown and the ermine robe. In this version of the work the background is especially dark.

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