

# CARTS TO THE CEMETERY

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (64/82)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1812 - 1815

DIMENSIONES

152 x 208 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguatinta, punta seca, buril y bruñidor

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

Ailsa Mellon Bruce Collection

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

21 Dec 2010 / 24 May 2023

INVENTARIO

836 225

## INSCRIPCIONES

38 (in the bottom left-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *Sad forebodings of what is to come.*

The title of the print was handwritten by Goya on the first and only series known to us at the time of its production, which the painter gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. Thus the title was subsequently engraved on the plate without any modification from Ceán Bermúdez's copy for the first edition of *The Disasters of War* published by the Royal Academy

of Fine Arts of San Fernando in Madrid in 1863.

A *preparatory drawing* is kept in the National Prado Museum.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Two men lift the body of a dead young woman onto a cart; one holds her back while the other grabs her ankles. The strength of the two male figures and the manner in which they lift the body onto the cart contrasts with the delicate anatomy of the young woman, who still appears to be full of life, which could indicate her recent death. They are preparing to place her on the heap of corpses on the cart, which, as the title of the engraving indicates, will later be taken to the cemetery. On the right-hand side of the print Goya has depicted a man with his back to the viewer bending down to pick up another corpse, which will also be placed on the cart.

The scene takes place in the street, although we cannot identify which city it is. It could be Madrid where, twice a day, corpses were collected to be taken to the cemeteries.

This engraving should be related to the two previous ones, No. 62, *Beds of Death* and No. 63, *Collected Dead*. With these three images the Aragonese painter closes the horrors he has narrated in this second part of the series devoted to the ravages caused by famine on the population to give way to *Emphatic Caprices*

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in the National Chalcography (cat. 315).

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### **Goya. Das Zeitalter der Revolutionen. Kunst um 1800 (1980 – 1981)**

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cat. 93

##### **Francisco de Goya**

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17th.  
cat. 64

##### **Francisco Goya. Sein Leben im spiegel der graphik. Fuendetodos 1746-1828 Bordeaux. 1746-1996**

Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996  
from November 21st 1996 to  
January 1997  
cat. 148

##### **Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra**

San Donato Milanese 2000

Opere grafiche della Fondazione  
Antonio Mazzotta

cat. 144

##### **Goya luces y sombras**

CaixaForum Barcelona 2012

consultant editors José Manuel  
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From March 16th to June 24th  
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##### **Goya et la modernité**

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2022

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TORAL OROPESA, María and MARTÍN

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WILSON BAREAU, Juliet  
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2016  
Norton Simon Museum

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#### **ENLACES EXTERNOS**