

# MAN LOOKING FOR FLEAS IN HIS SHIRT (HOMBRE BUSCANDO PULGAS EN SU CAMISA)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. VARIOUS SUBJECTS

SERIE: IVORY MINIATURES (PAINTING, 1824 - 1825) (4/21)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1824 - 1825

UBICACIÓN

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, United States

DIMENSIONES

6 x 5.9 cm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Watercolor on ivory

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## HISTORIA

See *Maja and Celestina*.

This miniature belonged to Luis Portilla. He put it up for sale in Madrid, together with others

that were in his possession, on 16 December 1880. It was later in several different collections: Warwick, Paris; Schidloff, Paris; that of Baron von Schlumberger, Vienna; Thomas Harris, London, around 1938; Vincent Price, Los Angeles, around 1956; Philip Hofer, Cambridge (MA) and, finally, the Boston collection of R. M. Light, from whom the Museum of Boston acquired it on 12 June 1974, through the funds of Mr And Mrs Karolik.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

For the artistic and technical analysis of the complete series, see *Maja and Celestina*.

This miniature shows a bare-chested man holding up a shirt which he is carefully examining for fleas. The man's skin is coloured a pinkish hue, but, despite this, this is still an image of predominantly cold tones, dominated by the black of the background, the shirt and the bold outline of the man. Here we can see how Goya has used a technique similar to "sgraffito", using a sharpened object to scrape away the pigment from certain areas of the shirt, revealing the white ivory underneath and leaving irregular patches.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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The Art Institute of Chicago Chicago 1941  
from January 30th to March 2nd  
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##### **Goya. El Capricho y la Invención. Cuadros de gabinete, bocetos y miniaturas**

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1993  
from November 18th 1993 to  
February 15th 1994. Exhibited  
also at the Royal Academy of  
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June 12th 1994 and The Art  
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July 16th to October 16th 1994,  
consultant editors Manuela B.  
Mena Marqués and Juliet  
Wilson-Bareau  
cat. 104

##### **Goya's last Works**

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consultant editors Jonathan  
Brown and Susan Grace Galassi.  
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#### ENLACES EXTERNOS