

# ISIDRO MÁIQUEZ

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1807

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

72 x 59 cm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Oil on canvas

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

TITULAR

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## INSCRIPCIONES

*Mayquez / Por Goya / 1807.* (en el ángulo inferior derecho, sobre el brazo, pintado en blanco).

## HISTORIA

The exact circumstances in which this portrait was commissioned are not known, but we do know that in 1808, the year after it was painted, it was exhibited at the Royal Academy of San Fernando. In 1872 the Spanish Ministry of the Interior sent it to the National Painting

Museum of La Trinidad, from where it subsequently entered the collection of the Prado Museum.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Isidoro Máiquez (Cartagena, 1768–Granada, 1820) was considered to be one of the greatest stage actors of all time, as well as being a writer and director. He studied in Paris thanks to the help of the Duke and Duchess of Osuna, of whom he was protégé. One of his greatest performances was in bringing Shakespeare's Othello to life in 1802. Following the Spanish War of Independence, and owing to his liberal ideals, he was banished from the court to Granada, where he died.

Here the sitter is shown seated in a large armchair, wearing a grey buttoned jacket and bright white shirt. The most striking feature in this painting is the subject's face, which is brightly lit and is looking calmly out at the viewer with a melancholy air, displaying a pair of thick dark sideburns, in keeping with the fashion of the period.

Goya used rapid brushstrokes, giving the sensation that this portrait remains an unfinished work.

According to Margarita Moreno de las Heras, this simple portrait follows a model that is very similar to that used by the painter to depict his intellectual friends such as *Moratín*.

Another version of this same portrait (*Isidro Máiquez*), also considered autograph, is in the collection of the Art Institute de Chicago

#### EXPOSICIONES

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Musée d'Art et d'Histoire Geneva 1939  
consultant editors Fernando Álvarez de Sotomayor y Pedro Muguruza Otaño. From June to September 1939  
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##### **Goya**

Palacio de Pedralbes Barcelona 1977  
from April 12th to June 30th 1977  
cat. 30

##### **De El Greco a Goya**

Palacio de Bellas Artes Mexico D.F. 1978  
November–December 1978  
cat. 39

##### **Obras maestras de la pintura española de los siglos XVI al XIX**

Museo Pushkin Moscow 1980  
Exhibited also at the State Hermitage Museum, San Petersburgo  
cat. 31

##### **Goya. 250 Aniversario**

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1996  
consultant editor Juan J. Luna.  
From March 29th to June 2nd 1996  
cat. 130

##### **Francisco de Goya: Maleri, Tegning, Grafikk**

Nasjonalgalleriet Oslo 1996  
from 10th to April 14th 1996  
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##### **Goya y el Mundo Moderno**

Museo de Zaragoza Zaragoza 2008  
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