

# FASHION UPSIDE DOWN

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICES NOT ENGRAVED



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

204 x 145 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

939 D3940

## INSCRIPCIONES

11 (in pencil, recto, lower left-hand corner)

50 (in pencil, recto, lower right-hand corner)

Watermark: [Shield crowned with the monogram "MA" and the letter "SOLE"] (lower half)

## 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 Mariano Carderera (ca. 1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera by the General Direction of Public Instruction and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

This drawing, which was transferred to the plate but was not finally engraved, can be related to *Capriche 26. They already have a seat.*

Just like that. In both cases the grotesque use of clothing on the main figures is the link between them. While in *Caprice 26* young women are depicted with petticoats on their heads, in the present drawing a man in the centre of the composition wears breeches instead of a jacket, which he wears as a skirt. He wears shoes with buckles over his ears, as does the small figure in front of him. Her left hand rests on a brazier as a walking stick, while with her right she is trying to make a sign to the figure in front of her, who, like the prostitutes in *Whim 26*, is wearing a petticoat over her head. According to Wilson-Bareau, both figures dressed upside down express an ambiguous sexuality. The direct gaze between them suggests an unclear relationship. Behind them, the figures of two women looking and laughing are reminiscent of the old men and women in *Caprice 26* and those in *Caprice 5. Just like that.*

It is a magnificently finished drawing which, however, was never engraved, perhaps because of the implications of the subject in Goya's time, who finally decided to exclude it from the *Caprices* series.

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