

# MARÍA TERESA DE BORBÓN Y VALLABRIGA

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. PORTRAITS



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1783

UBICACIÓN

National Gallery of Art. Washington, Washington,  
United States

DIMENSIONES

134.5 x 117.5 cm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Oil on canvas

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

Ailsa Mellon Bruce Collection

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

18 Jan 2010 / 15 Jun 2023

INVENTARIO

265 (1970.17.123)

## INSCRIPCIONES

LA S. D. MARIA TERESA / HIXA DEL SER. INFANTE / D. LUIS / DE EDAD DE DOS AÑOS Y  
NUEVE MESES ("The Señora Doña María Teresa, daughter of the Señor Infante Don Luis, at  
the age of two years and nine months", in the lower left-hand corner).

## HISTORIA

This work came from the Palace of Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), which was the property of

the Bourbon y Vallabriga family.

In 1904 it entered the collection of the Rúspoli family, of Italian origin. Mr Mellon acquired it from the descendants of this family.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

María Teresa de Bourbon y Vallabriga was born in 1780. María Teresa de Bourbon y Vallabriga (1780-1820) was the daughter of the Infante Don Luis de Bourbon, brother of Charles III, and of Doña María Teresa de Vallabriga y Rozas. She spent the first five years of her life in Arenas de San Pedro (Ávila), where Goya painted her on at least two occasions. This is considered to be among Goya's finest portraits of children.

The full-length portrait shows the girl on a terrace in front of the Sierra de Gredos mountains. She is wearing very grown-up clothes: a dress in the court style and a white lace mantilla that covers much of her small body. A blue ribbon with a pink rose adorns her hair net. We can see her bright blue shoes, decorated with golden buckles, poking out from underneath the bottom of her skirt. Her rosy face, with red lips and shining eyes, gives her a very healthy appearance. Beside her is a small poodle, painted in a masterly fashion with long, sweeping brushstrokes.

Just as occurs with the companion piece to this painting, the portrait of the subject's brother, *Luis María de Bourbon y Vallabriga*, we can appreciate certain Velázquez-like touches in the technical and iconographic aspects of this work.

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