

# POOR GIRLS!

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (22/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

218 x 153 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching and burnished aquatint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## INSCRIPCIONES

*Poor girls!* (at the bottom)

22. (in the upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

Two preparatory drawings of this engraving have survived (1) y (2).

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Two women, completely covered and whose faces cannot be seen, have been arrested by two bailiffs who are following them. They have just passed through an archway that leads to the interior of the prison, as shown in the three manuscripts that explain the engravings in this series.

The darkness, achieved with a two-tone aquatint, envelops the figures. In the background a bright light, probably heralding the dawn, is interrupted by clouds.

In this print Goya continues with the theme of prostitution that he had tackled in print no. 19 of *The Caprices (All Will Fall)* and which he continued to develop in prints nos. 20 and 21. In this case the painter depicts the raids that took place with some regularity and in which prostitutes were arrested and taken to prison, many of whom were subsequently taken to the San Fernando Asylum to be picked up. At the same time, the artist criticises in a veiled way the hypocrisy of those who enforced the law, who were the same people who often extorted money from these women in order to obtain benefits of various kinds from them.

The theme appears in the first *Satire To Arnesto* by Gaspar Melchor de Jovellanos (Gijón, 1744-Puerto de Vega, Navia, 1811), which had inspired the Aragonese artist in other engravings in the series.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is preserved in the National Chalcography (no. 193).

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### **Goya. Gemälde Zeichnungen. Graphik. Tapisserien**

Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953

from January 23th to April 12th 1953

cat. 212

##### **De grafiek van Goya**

Rijksmuseum Rijksprentenkabinet Amsterdam 1970

from November 13th 1970 to January 17th 1971

cat. 24

##### **El arte de Goya**

Museo de Arte Occidental de Tokio Tokyo 1971

from 16th 1971 to January 23th 1972. Exhibited also at the Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, January 29th to March 15th 1972.

cat. 66

##### **Goya. La década de Los Caprichos**

Madrid 1992

organized by Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando sponsored by Fundación Central Hispano, Madrid, consultant editor Nigel Glendinnig. From October 26th 1992 to January 10th 1993

cat. 92

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

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from September 22nd to November 17th.

cat. 22, p.49

##### **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. 28

##### **Goya e la tradizione italiana**

Fondazione Magnani Rocca Mamiano di Traversetolo (Parma) 2006

consultant editors Fred Licht and Simona Tosini Pizzetti. From September 9th to December 3th 2006

cat. 22, p.151

##### **Goya. Opera grafica**

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano 2006

exhibition celebrated from December 16th 2006 to April 1st 2007

p.28

##### **Goya e Italia**

Museo de Zaragoza Zaragoza 2008

organized by the Fundación Goya en Aragóna, consultant editor Joan Sureda Pons. From June 1st to September 15th 2008

cat. 323

##### **Goya et la modernité**

Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

from October 11st 2013 to March 16th 2014

cat. 187

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**Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum**

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Norton Simon Museum

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