

# THREE GROUPS OF FIGURES AND BETWEEN THEM A MOTHER IN BED WITH HER BABY

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: FLAXMAN PRINTS (DRAWINGS, CA.1802-1805)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1795

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

195 x 266 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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## INSCRIPCIONES

*En[er]o 1795* (in pen, recto, lower right; Goya's handwriting)

MP inscribed on shield (ink stamp, recto, lower right-hand corner)

*In Flaxman's works* (in pen, reverse, lower right; Valentín Carderera's handwriting)

## 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. Subsequently, it was owned successively by the following artists: Valentín Carderera (Madrid, ca. 1861); Eduardo Carderera Ponzán (Madrid, 1880); M<sup>a</sup> Pilar Carderera, widow of Eduardo Carderera (Madrid, 1822); and the heirs of M<sup>a</sup> Pilar Carderera (Luis, Fernando and Alfonso Carderera y Carderera). In 1963 it was acquired by the Museo del Prado, where it is currently housed.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

See *Five figures of men*

This is the most complex of the scenes drawn by Goya, inspired by John Flaxman's drawings engraved to illustrate *Dante's Divine Comedy*. In it, occupying a large part of the page, eight standing figures, both male and female, dressed in long cloaks, are arranged in three small groups, while in the lower left corner a woman reclining on a bed embraces her newborn child. According to Pierre Gassier, all these figures were inspired by figures drawn by John Flaxman to illustrate the Paradise of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, specifically canticles 1, 3, 7, 15, 17 and 26. In fact, the two figures in the centre would represent Beatrice Portinari and Dante himself.

The drawing, like the rest of the series, is characterised by its masterly economy of expressive resources.

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### Los dibujos de Goya

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##### La memoria de Goya

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#### PALABRAS CLAVE

**JOHN FLAXMAN CAPA DANTE BEATRIZ PORTINARI LA DIVINA COMEDIA PARAÍSO DE DANTE**

