

# BARBARIANS! (BÁRBAROS!)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (38/82)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1812 - 1815
DIMENSIONES	155 x 208 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Aguafuerte, aguatinta bruñida, buril y bruñidor
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	08 Dec 2010 / 31 May 2023
INVENTARIO	836 225

## HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass* (*Tristes presentimientos de lo que ha de acontecer*).

The title of this print was handwritten by Goya and was printed without modification to the plate in the first edition of the series produced by the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid in 1863.

There is a surviving *preparatory drawing* for this print which is housed in the Prado Museum.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Two armed Napoleonic soldiers prepare to shoot a man who has been tied to the trunk of a

tree, his back to the viewer: a typical method of executing traitors. In the middle ground, in the lower section of the composition, the rest of the detail observes the scene taking place.

In *Barbarians!* Goya revisits the theme of execution by firearm already dealt with in other prints in the series such as no. 15, *And it can't be helped* (*Y no hai remedio*) and no. 26, *One cannot look at this* (*No se puede mirar*). However, in this work he includes a variation, since he not only depicts the barrels of the guns but also the executioners. In this case the artist takes up a clear position against this type of act, censuring it openly in the print's title. Perhaps the cruelty of the scene is heightened in comparison to other works in the series by the fact that the soldiers are punishing a member of their own army, shooting him in the back.

The light is focused on the central section of the print in an effect that reveals ample use of aquatint, while the rest of the composition is lit by a kind of mist that indicates that the scene is taking place at dawn or dusk. The artist offers the viewer a close-up of the figures, making it possible to capture every detail of the event depicted.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is stored in the National Chalcography (cat. 289).

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### **Goya and his times**

The Royal Academy of Arts London 1963

cat. 66

cat. 243

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

Rijksmuseum Rijksprentenkabinet Amsterdam  
1970

from November 13th 1970 to  
January 17th 1971

cat. 78

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

Nasjonalgalleriet Oslo 1996

from 10th to April 14th 1996

cat. 141

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

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from  
September 22nd to November  
17th.

cat. 38

##### **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. 124

##### **Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra**

San Donato Milanese 2000

Opere grafiche della Fondazione  
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cat. 118

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

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio  
Legnano 2006

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

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##### **Goya en tiempos de guerra**

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Mena Marqués, from April 14th  
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##### **Goya et la modernité**

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BLAS BENITO, Javier and MATILLA, José

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##### **Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum**

WILSON BAREAU, Juliet

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