

# FAMILIAR FOLLY

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: ABSURDITIES (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, CA.1815-1824)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1815 - 1819
DIMENSIONES	245 x 350 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching and burnished aquatint
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	22 Aug 2021 / 05 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	964 -

## HISTORIA

See *Femenine folly*.

This is one of the four unpublished prints that the magazine L'Art published in 1877. The plate is in a private collection in Paris.

There is a print in the Lazaro Galdiano Foundation with the number 20 handwritten in the upper right-hand corner and the legend *Known Folly* in the lower margin.

One of the four versions published in L'Art has the following inscription printed in the lower margin: *Goya inv. et sc. / ¡QUE GUERRERO! / (Quel guerrier) / L'Art-F.cois Liénard Imp. Paris.*

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

On the right of the composition, two scarecrows dressed as soldiers stand menacingly before a

group of people. One of them is holding a sabre tied to one of his branches, as if calling for a charge. A crowd jeers in front of them. At the head of the group is a figure who confronts the warlike wimps, either out of bravery or because he is the only one who has realised that they are not real soldiers. He presides over the foreground in a salient luminosity. He whistles at them with one hand over his mouth and mocks them by putting the other on his backside. The rest of the characters are arranged at a certain safe distance, hidden in the shadows, depicted according to Goya's sense of mass. They appear huddled and self-conscious with an icy smile on their lips. The figure in profile on the far left has a simian face and is dressed in 19th-century style, with a cloak and low-crowned hat.

The memory of the War of Independence lives on in a town punished by the continuous threat of horror and death. The contempt for the Napoleonic army is something that continues to live on many years after the end of the occupation.

The imposing lighting, which focuses on the figures in the foreground, contrasts with the dark figures in the background. The aquatint achieves a graduated inking that accentuates the effects of light and shadow.

## EXPOSICIONES

1976	<p><b>Etchings by Francisco Goya</b> Johannesburgo Johannesburgo 1974</p>	<p><b>Goya y el espíritu de la Ilustración</b></p>	
	<p><b>Grabados de Goya: colección propiedad de la Biblioteca Nacional, que se conserva en su Gabinete de</b> Casa de la Amistad de Moscú Moscow 1979 exhibition displayed from January 18th to 31st 1979</p>	<p>Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1988 from October 6th to December 18th 1988. Exhibited also at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, January 18th to March 26th 1989; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Nueva York, May 9th to July 16th 1989, Madrid curator Manuela B. Mena Marqués, scientific directors Alfonso E. Pérez Sánchez and Eleanor A. Sayre</p>	
	<p><b>Francisco Goya. Sein leben im spiegel der graphik. Fuendetodos 1746-1828 Bordeaux. 1746-1996</b> Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996 from November 21st 1996 to January 1997</p>	<p><b>Goya. 250 Aniversario</b> Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1996 consultant editor Juan J. Luna. From March 29th to June 2nd 1996</p>	<p><b>Goya grabador</b> Museo del Grabado Español Contemporáneo Marbella 1996 from March 8th to May 5th 1996</p>
	Zaragoza 1996	London 1997	1999
	Madrid 1999	<p><b>Schlaf der Vernunft. Original radierungen von Francisco de Goya</b> Munich 2000</p>	Bilbao 2012
	<b>BIBLIOGRAFÍA</b>	<p><b>Vie et ouvre de Francisco de Goya</b> GASSIER, Pierre y WILSON, Juliet p. 326, cat. 1601 1970 Office du livre</p>	<p><b>Catálogo de las estampas de Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional</b> SANTIAGO, Elena M. (coordinadora) p. 246, cat. 396 1996 Ministerio de Educación y Cultura, Biblioteca Nacional</p>
	CARRETE, Juan, MATILLA, José Manuel,	MATILLA, José Manuel	<b>Goya. In the Norton Simon</b>

AULLÓN DE HARO, Pedro, BOZAL, Valeriano,  
GLENDINNING, Nigel, VEGA, Jesusa y BLAS,  
Javier  
pp. 107 y 113, cat. 19 y 47-50  
1996  
Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San  
Fernando y Calcografía Nacional

pp. 154-155, cat. 57  
2000  
Edizioni de Luca

**Museum**  
WILSON BAREAU, Juliet  
pp. 204-211  
2016  
Norton Simon Museum

#### **PALABRAS CLAVE**

**SOLDADO MILITAR ESPANTAPÁJAROS L'ART DISPARATES**

#### **ENLACES EXTERNOS**