

# FEMALE FOLLY (PREPARATORY DRAWING)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

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



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

1815 - 1819

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

235 x 334 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

TITULAR

El Prado National Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## INSCRIPCIONES

19 (in composite pencil, lower left)

8 (in pencil, reverse, upper left)

1 (in pencil, reverse, centre)

185 (in pencil, reverse, top centre)

185 (in pencil, reverse, bottom centre)

Watermark: "MANUEL SERRA" (left half)

## HISTORIA

The drawing was inherited in 1828 by Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 by Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (ca. 1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera by the Directorate General of Public Instruction and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Preparatory drawing for *Female folly*

There are certain differences with the final print. This drawing is executed with greater vigour and features small touches that create the details of the dresses and physiognomies. In addition, the group of six women in the print here is reduced to four. A depersonalised crowd stands next to it. Only an old woman's head stands out, with a malignant appearance, very much in the style of the celestinas in the *Capriches*. The flying wigwams and the donkey do not yet appear. The muppet in the blanket is already present, but it is barely distinguishable among the energetic brushstrokes.

The spatial reference is more precise than in the print, as the scene takes place in a cave-like interior with a semi-circular opening. The floor is full of chiaroscuro, which gives it a certain relief.

## EXPOSICIONES

**Goya. Exposition de l'oeuvre gravé, de peintures, de tapisseries et de cent dix dessins du Musée du**  
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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.

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**Los dibujos de Goya**  
Museo Provincial de Zaragoza Zaragoza 1978  
exhibition organized by Museo Provincial de Zaragoza, Ministerio de Cultura and Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza, exhibition guide written by Miguel Beltrán Lloris and Micaela Pérez Sáenz. October 1978  
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London 1997

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**Goya**  
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