

# THE DUCHESS OF ALBA HOLDING MARÍA DE LA LUZ IN HER ARMS

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: NOTEBOOK A, CALLED SANLÚCAR (DRAWINGS, CA. 1794-1795) (A.F)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

UBICACIÓN

DIMENSIONES

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RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

TITULAR

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

INVENTARIO

Ca. 1794 - 1795

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

173 x 101 mm

Aguada de tinta china sobre papel

Documented work

El Prado National Museum

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512 (D. 4183)

## INSCRIPCIONES

3 (in pencil, top left corner).

## HISTORIA

See *Young woman with forehead wearing a small hat*.

Line of provenance: Javier Goya, Mariano Goya, Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861), Mariano Carderera (1880). The Directorate General of Public Instruction, which acquired the collection of Goya drawings owned by Mariano Carderera, assigned it to the Prado Museum by Royal Order of 12 November 1886.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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Tender scene in which the Duchess of Alba is shown seated with the little black girl María de la Luz on her lap, as if cradling her. The origin of this child is unknown, although the protection she exercised over her was known to her contemporaries, as the poet Quintana dedicated some verses to her. She also directed her maternal love towards the son of her butler Don Tomás de Berganza, Luis. Both children were at the head of the legatees instituted by the Duchess in her will. Carderera expressly alludes to the subject depicted: she is seen seated, holding in her arms a black child she had taken under her protection.

On the front of the sheet is the drawing *Girl dancing to the sound of a guitar*.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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

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##### **Los dibujos de Goya**

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cat. 98A

##### **Goya. La imagen de la mujer**

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2001 from October 30th 2001 to February 10th 2002. Exhibited also at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, March 10th to June 2nd 2002, consultant editor Francisco Calvo Serraller

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