

# WITCHES' DREAM (3RD DREAM)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (70B/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1796 - 1797

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

238 x 179 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

58 (in pencil; recto, lower left)

Sueno / De Brujas (in pencil; recto, lower centre)

Watermark: H C WEND / & / ZONEN

## HISTORIA

On the gestation, history and aims of the series known as *Dreams*, a set of preparatory drawings for *The Caprices*, see *Dream 1: Universal Language*.

Line of provenance of the present drawing: Javier Goya; Mariano Goya, 1854; Valentín Carderera, ca. 1861; Mariano Carderera, 1880; Prado Museum, 1886.

## ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

A preparatory drawing for *Caprice 70. Devoted Profession*, it is in turn inspired by a composition from the work *Witches to Fly (B.56)*. In this scene he criticises misunderstood religiosity, that is, he attacks the clergy, whom he considers hypocritical and ignorant, represented through the personification of witches.

He was not entirely satisfied with the result of the drawing and used the transparency of this inks on the back of the sheet to produce *Dream of a Beginning Witch (3rd dream)*, where he made modifications and this is the work he later transferred to the copper plate.

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## PALABRAS CLAVE

**CAPRICCIO SUEÑO BRUJAS**

