

## Carnival Verona 61 ° Carnevalon de l'Alpon

Traditionally the carnival is the biggest celebration of Monteforte d'Alpone (Verona). For over sixty years is celebrated with music and cabaret evenings, dances and jokes to a close, among a sea of crowd, with the grand parade of floats of Mardi Gras, that has made this event one of the most important of the Province of Verona.

The Carnevalon de l'Alpon represents more than one party is a collective celebration and commitment, care, enthusiasm and hard work with which it is prepared to prove this.

And so, after months and months of work in laboratories and in the basement of the various districts to achieve the most spectacular and imaginative floats, comes the carnival.

More than a week full of appointments in the company of the King of Torbolin, the Prince of gnocchi and Sior Carnevalone, the historic masks Monteforte, who each year with wise guide all initiatives directed: from evenings election to the carnival of children from large masked balls to the magical night parade with illuminated floats, in a crescendo of excitement that comes the plan, develops, takes shape through thousands of ideas and results in all its vitality in a downpour of confetti, a swirl of emotions and a real exploits of madness.

That one form, come off at certain parades along the country or simply we are content to put out a shooting star on passers, fever and a state of excitement this week assailed a bit 'all, as if an invisible hand stendesse a veil of gaiety on people. One thing is certain: the cold, wind or snow can not fight a hit with crowds and enthusiasm that crown for decades this grand celebration.

Participate in the carnival of Monteforte, therefore, is not just about watching, as happens elsewhere, but it is to live to the end of this outburst of merriment, which continues even after the parade with the last great masked ball in the square between pancakes , gnocchi and a few glasses of wine Soave.

Officially Carnevalone de l'Alpone was born in 1949, according to the testimonies of the oldest, however, the first hints of the carnival Monteforti them are already in the late nineteenth century.

E 'remained in history the 1924 edition of the carnival, organized under fascism. Taking a cue from Lenin's death on 22 January 1924, Monteforte paraded through the streets of a real hearse complete with band, mock coffin and dead, accompanied by languid lullabies. Since that year, however, probably top-down, masks and parades were discouraged because they could represent, for their provocative charge,

a danger to the stability of the regime.

This, however, did not prevent him from infringing the same rules in force through camouflage and original jokes: it's said that once, for example, a group of practical jokers, dressed up as doctors and nurses, sailed from Monteforte to visit the sick hospital San Bonifacio.

The first movement of revival of the carnival itself, however, appeared after the Second World War, precisely in 1947, with the staging of two floats. During the fifties editions followed one another ever more lavish, and some wagons Monteforte also participate in other major carnivals in the Veneto region: in 1954 the wagon "Pinocchio and the tuna fish" in Bassano del Grappa won even the first premio. It was during this period that they began to pull massive wagons ever more elaborate that invokes a lot of people from across the province.

In case of rain the parade of floats will be moved to the evening of Saturday 13 February.