

Description of the unit of intangible cultural heritage

Unique identification of heritage: 2-00002

Name of the unit: Shrovetide custom in Cerkno

Category of heritage:

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

social practices, rituals and festive events

Brief description:

The Laufarija (from the German laufen, to run) is a Shrovetide carnival event in the town of Cerkno, involving figures known as laufarji with characteristic wooden masks. It includes carolling, a Sunday parade through the streets and the reading of the indictment of Shrovetide, as well as searching for a wooden mallet and the execution of Shrovetide on Tuesday.

A Shrovetide Carnival in Cerkno has been declared an intangible cultural heritage of national significance.

Photo:

Miha Špiček, 2009



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