



KURETOVANJE – KURENT FESTIVAL

Kurent carnival is Slovenia's most popular carnival event. It started in 1960 in Ptuj. Its celebrated on Shrove Sunday. Kurent is a monstrous demon-like figure, a magical creature not from this world, who appears in different cities around Slovenia. The kurent wears traditional massive sheepskin garments holding wooden clubs with hedgehog skins. Wearing the kurent costume was a huge privilege in the past, it was usually offered to unmarried men. Today kids, men and women can wear it. The mission of Kurenti is clear – chase away winter and announce spring and new life with lots of noise and dancing on the streets.