

-Report on the 2020 Limoux Carnival Opening.

During the opening, and by tradition, the “Meuniers” come to ask the city authorities for permission to do the carnival.



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This year the building of the Sub-Prefecture of Limoux-Aude is under construction. The ceremony was therefore moved to the “Institut des Arts du Masque” (magnificent building which was the seat of the former Tribunal).



The former destination of the building was the theme taken with humour in the speeches during the ceremony of Sunday 19 January "Carnival es arribat" (Carnival arrived in Occitan). The Co-Chair of the Carnival Committee accompanied by the Millers asked to do justice and not allow the winemakers to organize these festivities and respect what is traditionally done.



Madame Myriel Porteous, Sous-Préfète du Limoux-Aude, accompanied by Madame la Préfète de l'Aude, Sophie Elizéon, deemed this request acceptable and gave permission to do the Carnival 2020 in the presence of Monsieur le Mayor of Limoux, the «General Deputy of the FECC in France» and other local personalities.



Last year Madame la Sous-Préfète had thrown on the participants flour, this year it was wheat grains (as before). Currently the bands use white confetti throughout the carnival as a reminder of the “Meunier” gesture with the flour.



Then begins the first joyful outing of the “Meuniers” with dances and music to the Place de la République. Then they go to the City Hall to ask the permission of the Mayor to make the Carnival in the city.



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The “Meuniers” will then parade in the afternoon and finally at night in the light of «entorches». Always magical!

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