



The Chinels Carnival | Fosses-la-Ville

Event planned for the month of March 2022



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**This amazing carnival is known for the quality of its costumes.
Expect to be wowed!**

Origins

A descendant of the famous "**Polichinelle**" and its famous cousin "Pulcinella" of the Commedia dell'Arte, the Chinel de Fosses owes its fame to their refined, shimmering outfit, made of silk and satin. The tunic is characterized by two tapered bumps: one on the thorax, inclined downwards, and the other in the back, inclined upwards.

Dancing and music

Every year, 200 to 300 Chinels fill the streets, dancing wildly on the

four special "Chinel tunes". Add to this drums, Pierrots playing music, stilt walkers and other traditional characters. Quite a show!

Program

- The procession starts at 2 pm from the Salle de l'Orbey (Rue d'Orbey, Fosses-la-Ville)
- Many costumed groups parade until 6 pm.
- The groups gather on the Place du Marché at 6 pm for traditional dances (or *Rondeau*). The Chinel will regroup based on the colour of their costume and compete to see who the best dancers are.

The information contained herein is provided as a guide only.

We recommend that you check with the local supplier before you leave.

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