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Seal collection "Gigantes y cabezudos"

Card of seals



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Represented figure: **Avi Montassell**

Population-Country: **Vallgorguina (Catalunya - Spain)**

Proprietor: **Geganters de Vallgorguina**

Complementary information: **By desire of the group also a version in Catalan has been published of the seal.**

Data and history of the figure:

"L' Avi Montassell, flabiolaire of Vallgorguina", is the main giant puppet of the Organization; Geganters de Vallgorguina" (www.geganters.org) and it was released the 26 of April of 1998, consequently this year it celebrates his tenth anniversary.

The giant puppet represents Mr. Pere Coll i Dalmau, a musical well-known of flute of Vallgorguina that at its time was considered like one of the best ones, being visited, the 28 of February of 1925, by the folklorista Joan Amades, when Mr. Coll or had 82 to, and to Amades he interpreted the scores to him of dances of our locality, the majority or lost in the forgetfulness.

It represents it to the giant puppet with total fidelity and it was constructed by Toni Mujal, of Cardona. Weight 60 kilos and measures 4 meters of stop, being sponsored person by the giants of Morella and those of Barberà del Vallès.

The giant puppet has traveled to many countries (Brazil, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, France, Portugal, many of the Communities of the Spanish State and by all Catalonia).

In addition it has been first the giant puppets in peregrinating to Santiago de Compostela, crossing to shoulders of his carriers last the 120 kilometers of "Way of Santiago" and crossing all Galicia. For this reason it takes hung to the neck the pilgrim shell.

Previously the figure has reproduced in the coupons of the O.N.C.E. and a collection of sugar envelopes.