

PULCINELLA'S HISTORY



Pulcinella was born in Naples, in the South of Italy. A plausible theory derives his name from the diminutive of Italian pulcino (chick), on account of his long beaklike nose or due to the squeaky nasal voice and "timorous impotence" in its demeanor. According to another version, Pulcinella derived from the name of Puccio d'Aniello, a peasant of Acerra, characterized by a long nose. His full name is Pulcinella Cetrulo (citrulo = stupid)

Pulcinella is renowned for his clothes: a large white shirt and white trousers, a black belt on his waist, black shoes, a white hood and a black mask covering his face. He has a curved nose and some wrinkles on his forehead that gives him a funny expression. Pulcinella



often carries around macaroni and a wooden spoon. His traditional temperament is to be mean, vicious, and crafty and his main mode of defense is to pretend to be too stupid to know what's going on.

The perpetually poor and hungry Pulcinella (Pool – chee – nel – la) is known as a jolly bungler able to get by singing songs and playing his mandolin.



He needs very few things to be happy:
only a slice of pizza and a jug of wine.
It is for this that the Neapolitan people have embraced this amiable buffoon.

Curiosity

"the secret of Pulcinella" is an Italian saying that means a false secret, that is something that everyone still know.

