CARNIVAL IN BONN

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Carnival in Bonn is diverse and inclusive. It’s about having fun and historical tradition. It is partying with neighbors, enjoying fancy dress ... and the ultimate experience of the Rhenish peoples’ “joy for life”. Back in the era of baroque, the electors of Cologne celebrated Carnival with masquerades in their City Palace (nowadays: University Main Building) following the example of Venice. Even Giacomo Casanova made it to Bonn in 1760 to attend one of these.

After 1850, citizens and students started celebrating carnival. This was the birth hour of the uniformed carnival corps, imitating the prussian occupants and thereby making fun of it. For example they created their own decorations for carnival as a mockery of prussian medals of honor.

In this session, Bonn is celebrating under the motto “Loss mer fiere und studiere”.

PRINCE AND BONNA
Their carnivalistic highnesses „Prince and Bonna“ have been reigning the topsy-turvy session in Bonn as symbol figures for more than 150 years now. At the time, people were no longer willing to be ruled by noblemen and kings, therefore they declared their Prince Carnival as a mockery, which can also be seen as an early form of Rhenish Democracy, by the way. Today, Prince and Bonna have over 350 appearances during one season, including many charity appointments. In this carnival session, jesters in Bonn are ruled by Prince Dirk II. and Bonna Alexandra III.

CARNIVAL EVENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS
Over one hundred carnival associations in Bonn cater for a colourful program with their events. Street carnival during the carnival days is open to everybody wanting to party along in the pubs and in public parties.

WOMEN’S CARNIVAL – SHROVE THURSDAY
As of the early 19 century, washer women in the district of Bonn-Beuel started celebrating without men. Shrove Thursday commemorates this act of women’s liberation.

ROSE MONDAY – CARNIVAL MONDAY
Carnival at its best – the biggest parade in Bonn with over 4.500 participants, 80 floats and 70 horses. More than 240.000 spectators will gather along the parade way and collect candy thrown in abundance.

ORGANIZATION
Prince and Bonna, the beautiful Rose Monday parade and many other events are managed and coordinated by the Board of Carnival Associations in Bonn. The board is fueled by volunteer work and by donations made by companies and individuals from Bonn. The associations themselves as well as the City of Bonn contribute financially, but are only able to do so to a limited extent.

SOUVENIRS AND GIFTS
Every year the Board of Carnival Associations in Bonn issues a new pin, matching the motto of the session and available in silver or in gold colour — a great souvenir or gift! The motto scarf is simply indispensable, given the winter weather in February. A lottery has also been launched to support the Rose Monday Parade — “Mir donn jet für den Zoch” — We’re supporting the parade.
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