



Pupi Carretti Cantastorie

(PUPPETS CARTS STORYTELLERS)

Genre	Traditions / Culture
Length	2x52'
Episode(s)	2
Shooting Format	DVCPRO 720p 50fs / Super8 / 16mm
Distribution Format	DVCPRO 720p 50fs
Director	Gaetano Adriano Pulvirenti
Production Company	Bellini Broadcasting Service
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Status Production	Rough-cut

Synopsis:

The 70's; As a child I remember watching from my balcony, the carts leaving for the town festivals, they were my cousins carts. It was a sight, a feast for all. I also recall a documentary by the catanese director Ugo Saitta where the end of the sicilian carts were put to light: "the carts had grown a third wheel".

The 'piaggio Moto Ape' (a motorised three wheeled cart) had been created and had taken over.

I thought, as did the rest of us, that the carts on show today, were old carts from the past....

A picture, given as a wedding gift to my parents, and hanging on our wall, has always kept alive this strange bonding between myself and these carts. Then I met Alice.....

She studied the conservation of architectural heritage in Pisa and on her return to Sicily, she discovered a book about these carts mentioning the name of her grandfather and that of the maestro Di Mauro. Her grandfather was a craftsman, builder of carts, Di Mauro the young artist that painted them.

From this, my journey to the discovery of these carts, puppets and storytellers began.

Di Mauro tells me of the designs used on the carts and talks to me about the puppet shows: but what did happen to the puppets, where did they all end up? In the 60/70's television took over eliminating many puppeteers and their relative theatres; but where are they today?

I go looking for the 'Napoli Brothers' , a family of puppeteers for over four generations. Surprisingly I come to learn that my cousins collaborated with them painting bed covers....what a strange coincidence....

We start talking about puppets and storytellers....

In the end I meet a collector of carts, he has over one hundred, but in the midst of them I can't see any belonging to my cousins.... One day, in a hotel along the catanese shore, I saw a large glass showcase with two beautiful carts exposed: they were my cousins carts....

Thanks to many promising youngsters and the persistency of their elders, these traditions are not lost.

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