

## Write a Legend about Campania

The day in honor of Sant'Antuono (or Sant'Antonio Abate) is the most important and certainly most felt holiday by the people of Macerata Campania and by the populations of neighboring countries. It represents a historical and cultural moment of the entire citizenship and is celebrated on January 17 every year.



A mix of religiosity, traditions and popular participation, the day of Sant'Antonio the Abbot is above all this.

As far as folklore is concerned, we have the typical and incomparable parade of the "Battuglie di Pastellessa", or the "Bottari di Sant'Antuono" on which the so-called "Bottari di Macerata Campania", which reproduce the ancient Macerata sound from the homonymous name the "Pastellessa".



The particularity linked to the Bottari di Macerata Campania and the Pastellessa is essentially due to the type of musical instruments used: the classic and well-known musical instruments are replaced with barrels, vats and sickles.

An ancient popular legend also has it that the Pastellessa was born as a ritual to "chase away evil": in fact it is said of peasants who frantically beat these instruments in an attempt to chase away evil spirits from the dark corners of their cellars.

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