



DOEPAK

DuP_AK DoeP_AK POPPENSPE(ELMUSEUMKRUIJELKRANTKRABBEL) DoeP_AK DuP_AK
Newsletter and Scribblings No. 115d



Three times Gioppino: a hand puppet with a lumpy throat

Try it yourself? Another exciting activity from the *Puppetry Museum*. *Gioppino* is a rustic type of puppet. He is the main character in folk puppet theatre from the northern Italian town of Bergamo. Like his wife *Margi* and their *baby*, Gioppino has large lumps protruding from his throat. This indicates he has goitre, a condition that many people in this area suffered from in the olden days. This character was created during the eighteenth century.

How many lumps does he have under his chin? The right number is

Would you like to learn more about *folk and mainstream puppetry figures and hand puppet theatre*? Then refer to the Dutch-language *ABC of Puppetry* on our websites: www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl, www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2 or www.poppenspel.info. Picture: Gioppino (around 1900).

Collection: Istituto per i beni marionettistici e il teatro popolare, Turin (Italy). Photographs: Giorgio Cossu © (Naples).

Text and realisation: Otto van der Mieden © (2010). Have fun. Applause!

Doepak presents some unusual theatre forms, far beyond the confines of our own fantasy! Doepak is a cheerful, educational and colourful Dutch-language newsletter packed with background information about folk and mainstream puppet theatre. In this newsletter and scribblings you can also read about all kinds of activities in the Puppetry Museum such as which exhibitions are on show, whether new books were issued, and how the website is developing. The Dutch verbs of 'doen' (do) and 'pakken' (take) are hidden in the name of the Doepak newsletter. This name was composed for good reason, because you are supposed to 'do' and 'take' things yourself. The name 'Doepak' is also the phonetic transcription in Dutch of the Czech word dupák. A dupák is a rod marionette and trick puppet. Where the dupák swings his arms wide as he twirls around, Doepak embraces the international world of puppetry and related arts with its hints and tips, questions and answers, illustrations and DIY activities. In Slovakian and Hungarian puppet theatre the dupák is called Paprika Janosi.