

# Record-Breaking Inflation

## The Soccer Players

In 2000, Larry Moss collaborated with fellow balloon artist Royal Sorell in Mol, Belgium to create the largest non-round balloon sculpture in the world. At 25 feet tall and 80 feet wide, the sculpture's two soccer players stood approximately 40 feet tall, and earned a Guinness World Record. Its construction took 44 people more than 640 person-hours and 40,781 balloons – using no other materials whatsoever. A *Ripley's Believe It or Not* episode about the feat still airs.



## Fantastic Flying Octopus

In 2003, Moss collaborated with pilot John Ninomiya to create and launch the first-ever piloted latex balloon sculpture. A 23-member team of hand-picked balloon artists completed the 65-foot tall octopus in 5 days during approximately 700 person-hours. The craft was launched over Lake Ontario from Sodus Point, NY, powered by wind and 10,000 cubic feet of helium, as thousands of spectators cheered the successful flight and landing. An hour-long video documentary is available.

## Balloon Manor 2004 & 2006

In October of 2004, Moss and project co-lead Don Caldwell gathered 60 balloon artists in Rochester, NY to create the world's first walk-through haunted house made entirely of balloons. Balloon Manor 2006 drew 65 artists from as far away as Slovenia, Japan and Israel to collaborate during 4,000 person-hours, using more than 100,000 balloons. The ten-room, 10,000-square-foot Manor received 8,500 visitors and international media coverage. Once again, local charities received more than \$30,000 from the fascinating fundraiser.



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