



# Vicar's Whore



VW 33

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Our group may just get its “nadílka” after all this year. The second attempt at registering Vicar’s Whore as a non-profit organization has ended successfully. A different lawyer at the ministry of the interior was satisfied that we are indeed an amateur outfit and so has entered us in their hallowed register with the number 22827897. She did reiterate that as far as her office is concerned, we’re planning to support ourselves only from whatever gifts and handouts we can score. Just like all the Santa Clauses taking to the streets these days.



The problem with registration was a minor nuisance compared to the huge task before us. Sound, location, costumes, props, all these still have to be worked out and yet they barely rate any attention because we seem to be forever

bogged down in forgotten or unlearned lines. Therefore rehearsals are going on hiatus till the end of the year to give everybody a full month to memorize their parts. That means come the first rehearsal of the New Year, no scripts and no prompter. If you don’t know your lines then, well, it will be good training for what to do when you’re drawing blanks on stage in front of 200 people. The second new rule will be “check your ego in at the door”. We’ve had two incidents now where rehearsals were interrupted on account of the critique cutting too close for comfort.



Theatre is nothing if not criticism, so get used to it. Get used to people in the audience snickering or yawning or writing and receiving messages. In short,



not showing the slightest bit of appreciation for that performance you put so much heart and soul into. Nothing to do then but soldier on, because if anybody walks off the stage in a panic, or refuses to go on, he better hope those guns we’re using really do fire blanks.

This is the last newsletter of the year. The next meeting will be a Christmas party of sorts at Café au Père Tranquille, where the onion soup is reportedly better than the one we regularly enjoy at Hájkova. VW would love to buy, only we still haven’t got the handout machine in motion. But next year...