



Vicar's Whore



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The first meeting of the new drama club took place at the Radegast brewery in Nošovice. There were quite a few no-shows, meaning those that did show up got more food and beer than they could ever dream of. The ones who didn't show up are officially on the club blacklist. The way to get off this blacklist is to come to the next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, July 31, at 6:00 PM, somewhere in Frýdlant. Petr Čepelka has assumed the position of venue manager for the group and will inform us when and where it will take place. Else he too will make the list.

As discussed at the meeting, the first play on the agenda is *Sally Carter*, a Civil War comedy about a family in Georgia. The goal is to perform it first in Czech, followed by a beer and wine break, then again in English. If we're good enough, we can take it on the road someday to nearby Bohumín, where Martina Bielanová has some connections to the theater world. After that, Prague, Broadway, the world...

Once we're good enough, which is to say reliable enough, we will start picking up sponsors in anticipation of our ultimate goal. Drama by the sea! I envision a series of drama camps taking place every summer at locations around the Black Sea. We will go to Bulgaria or Romania, sit on the beach all day eating kebab and drinking beer, spend all night rehearsing our play and drinking beer.

Finally, there's those two people you see at the top. At the meeting Petr Čepelka, the venue manager, talked about the Prague-based Jara Cimrman theater and their *Vichr z hor*, or a gust of wind blowing down from the mountains. It has something to do with a theater ensemble being so bad they have to bolt for the exit after the audience starts demanding their money back. Not a very optimistic thought but *Vichr z hor* sounds like Vicar's whore in English, perfect name for the theater. And that's who you see at the top there: the vicar and the whore.

Till next time!