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Another Slovak classic performed in English



A COMEDY BASED UPON A SHORT STORY BY MARTIN KUKUČÍN – RYSAVÁ JALOVICA

Directed by Peter Palik ☆ Premiere February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 7pm ◇

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# KUKUCHEERS

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After the successful show Tajovsky Ruulezz!, Bridgin ´ Drama has begun a very fruitful cooperation with director Peter Palik and is staging another Slovak classic in English - *Kukucheers*.

## Martin Kukučín

His real name was Matej Bencúr (born 1860, Jasenová – deceased 1928, Pakrac, Croatia) and he was a Slovak novelist, playwright and journalist. He was the most significant writer in the genre of Slovak literary realism and a founder of modern Slovak prose. At the beginning of his career, he wrote mainly short stories and novellas reflecting his youth. He was excellent at portraying common villagers and their common sense. Typical of these early works is their grotesque and comical stylization. Fun fact - a small asteroid is named after him.

### Rysavá jalovica (Red Heifer) (1885)

Adam Mole (Krt) with his wife Eva live a quite happy life, if it wasn´t for his "hobby" – drinking. Adam Mole is off to the market to sell kapce, and in "high spirits", he buys a young cow - a heifer - from his neighbour Adam Sloe (Trnka). While celebrating the deal, the heifer disappears from the front of the pub. A cloud of doom spreads over the Moles´ household, as Adam comes home not only without the heifer, but also without the money he paid for it. However, all is well that ends well.

#### Adapted and directed by: Peter Palik



Produced by: Michaela Vrábová Translated by: Martin Sokol Set design: Peter Palik Set construction: Aaron Chase Costume design: students at the Bridge Sound and lights - Michaela Vrábová

#### Cast:

Adam Mole and others – Greg Fabian Adam Sloe and others – Dale Bruton Eva Mole and others – Kim Render Eva Sloe and others – Arnika Presutto





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