



Sejer Andersen Performs "Vitus Bering" in Eyrarbakki Naval Museum

The Danish actor Sejer Andersen performed the monologue "Vitus Bering" at Eyrarbakki Naval Museum on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 3 pm, and on Sunday April 12th at 5 pm. Entrance was free. The turn-out was good and the spectators were delighted with the show. The performance was followed by an interesting discussion about the drama, and the audience was offered a glass of wine.

Sejer Andersen is a celebrated actor in Denmark. He is the manager of the Vitus Bering Theatre in Copenhagen and has toured the world with the monologue, the text of which is written by Gregers Dirckinck-Holmfeld, and the music is composed by Bo Holten.

Vitus Bering was a Danish explorer on the scale of Christopher Columbus. He was born in 1681 in Horsens and died on the Bering Island in the Bering Sea in 1741. He was a sailor and an officer in the Russian Navy. He sailed through the Bering Strait in 1728, explored the Aleutian Islands and sailed along the coast of Alaska in 1741, thus preparing the Russian conquest of the area. The Bering Strait and the Bering Sea are named after Vitus Bering.

At Eyrarbakki Naval Museum, Sejer Andersen sat in the rowing boat 'Farsæll' while delivering the monologue about the Danish explorer. The monologue was in Danish but an Icelandic translation was shown on a screen behind the actor. Sejer Andersen was assisted by photographer Preben Keldsen. The play text was translated into Icelandic by Erla Sigurðardóttir and Sigrún Björnsdóttir; Elísabet Valtýsdóttir presented the PowerPoint and Jón Tryggvi Unnarsson played the music.

Lýður Pálsson, director of Árnessýsla County Museum and Eyrarbakki Naval Museum, was in charge of the Iceland tour which was arranged in collaboration with Sejer Andersen; this entailed practicalities such as lodgings for the Danes at Eyrarbakki, carpenters to make the podium for the actor and the boat Farsæll, and ads and press releases sent to the local media and the Reykjavik newspaper Morgunblaðið.

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Lýður Pálsson, Museum Director



