



ART – CZECH REPUBLIC

ST. JOHN OF NEPOMUK (1345 – 1393)

- is a national saint of Bohemia
- was drowned (the death in the water) in the Vltava river
- a patron against calumnies (lies)
- a protector from floods (big water) and drowning
- his little statue is almost on every bridge



MIKOLAS ALES (1852 – 1913)

- was one of the Czech Republic's greatest artists
- had over 5,000 published pictures (from magazines to playing cards to textbooks)
- one of the painters (the other being František Ženíšek) that redecorated the famous foyer of the Czech National Theatre.
- He painted pictures with a special shape called „lunettes“



MATTHIAS BERNARD BRAUN (1684- 1738)

- was one of the most prominent late baroque style sculptors
- he studied in Austria (Salzburg) and Italy (Venice, Bologna, Rome)
- he was inspired for example by Michelangelo Buonarroti



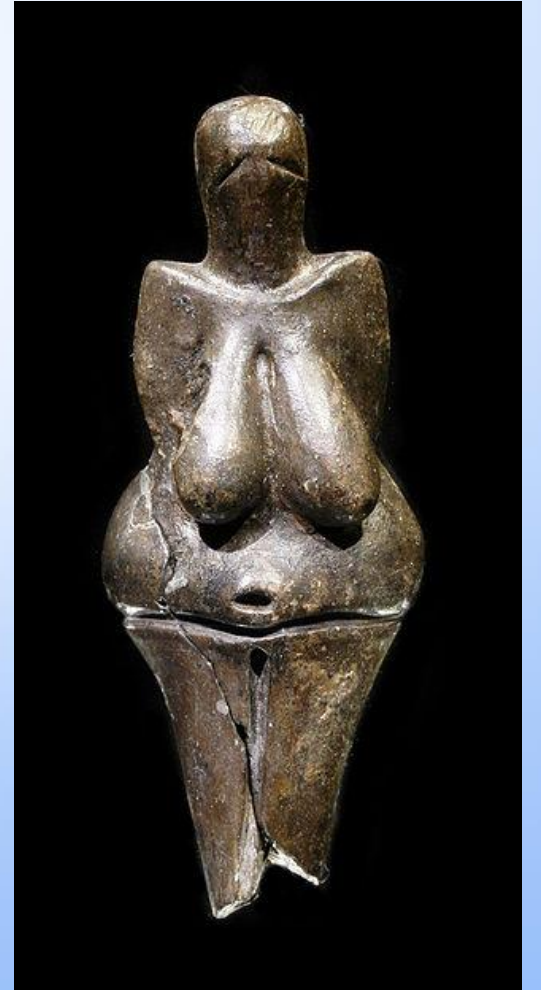
MATTHIAS BERNARD BRAUN (1684- 1738)

- his most famous collection is the collection of 24 *allegories of Virtues and Vices* situated at the Kuks Hospital in Bohemia, which took him only four years to create
- all 24 statues are women
- Virtue = a good human quality, Vice = a bad human quality



VENUS OF DOLNI VESTONICE (created 29,000–25,000 BC)

- a ceramic statuette of a nude female figure
- is the oldest known ceramic article in the world
- it is very small - it has a height of 111 millimetres = 11,1 centimetres



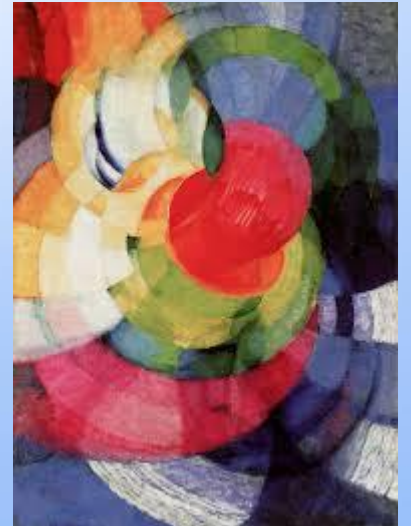
ZDENEK BURIAN (1905 – 1981)

- was a Czech painter and a book illustrator
- the most influential palaeo-artist of the modern era (he painted dinosaur, T-Rex, mammoth etc.)
- There is a film for children – Journey into the Premeval Times, which was inspired by his pictures
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykvknmi7Qew>



FRANTISEK KUPKA (1871-1957)

- was a Czech painter and graphic artist
- is considered one of the fathers of abstract art of painting
- his painting The Shape of Blue was sold in 2012 at the highest price ever paid for a Czech work of art – 55.75 million Czech crowns (2.065 million €)
- One of his painting „Disks of Newton“ was inspired by a scientist Isaac Newton and his discovery that the light of the sun is composed of the seven colours of the spectrum: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet



QUIZ

- How did John of Nepomuk die?
 - He was drowned.
- Mikolas Ales painted pictures called „lunettes“. What shape does it look like?
 - It looks like half-moon
- How long did it take to Matthias Bernard Braun to create his masterpiece – 24 statues of Virtues and Vices?
 - Only four years.

QUIZ

- How high is the statuette of Venus of Dolni Vestonice?
 - About 11 centimeters (11,1 cm)
- What animals did Zdenek Burain paint?
 - e.g. dinosaur, mammoth, T-Rex etc.

NOW TIME FOR THE GAME

- Your task is to put the pieces of the painting The Shape of Blue together.



**Thank you for your
attentation**



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