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74TH FESTIVAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Zagreb Soloists and Marija Pavlović tomorrow in the Rector's Palace

Dubrovnik, 17 July 2023 – The virtuoso ensemble **Zagreb Soloists** and renowned Croatian clarinettist **Marija Pavlović** will perform **tomorrow, 18 July in the Rector's Palace atrium at 9:30 p.m.**, the works by Weiner, Bjelinski, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky.

The overture into the evening will be *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Felix Mendelssohn, inspired by scenes and story from Shakespeare's eponymous play. It will be followed by Leo Weiner's *Divertimento, No. 1, Op. 20* influenced by Hungarian music and dance tradition, which will be followed by Bruno Bjelinski's *Clarinet Concerto*, and the *Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48* by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, as the finale of the concert, a piece modelled after Mozart with a Romantic melody.

The Zagreb Soloists were founded in 1953 as part of Radio Zagreb under the leadership of acclaimed cellist Antonio Janigro. Since 2012, the ensemble has performed alongside famous violinist Sreten Krstić as its concertmaster, who is also the concertmaster of the Munich Philharmonic. They are known for their wide repertoire which includes baroque, classicist, romantic and contemporary works, with a special focus on Croatian authors from earlier periods as well as contemporary composers, and with which they performed in the world's most prestigious concert halls. They recorded more than seventy albums, and among their more recent releases stands out the album of Ernesto Cordero's works featuring distinguished soloists which was nominated for the Latin Grammy award. In 2010, they were awarded the Orlando Grand Prix for their special artistic contributions to the entirety of the programme of the Dubrovnik Summer Festival.

Dubrovnik-born clarinettist Marija Pavlović, a passionate chamber musician and member of the DeBewoners ensemble in Antwerp, graduated from the Zagreb Academy of Music in the class of Milko Pravdić, after which she trained at the Salzburg Mozarteum in the class of Alois Brandhofer. In Vienna, she was awarded the Würdigenpreiz in 2002 by the Austrian Ministry of Science and Culture. The acclaimed clarinettist performs solo recitals and chamber music concerts at numerous domestic and foreign festivals. In 2011, she was awarded three Porin awards, and in the same year at the 62nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival she was awarded the Orlando Award for her solo performance with 'Gli Archi Scaligeri', La Scala's chamber orchestra.

Tickets for the concert are available via the festival website www.dubrovnik-festival.hr or the service www.ulaznice.hr, at the box office in the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) every day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and in front of the DTS building (Vukovarska St) from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Dubrovnik Summer Festival – the centre of Croatian and global spirit and culture, a place of creation and not just a place of visit, a place of community, ideas and new artistic expressions, is traditionally supported once again this year by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia, the City of Dubrovnik, the Dubrovnik-Neretva County, Dubrovnik Tourist Board and numerous sponsors Mastercard, Dubrovnik Airport, ACI club, ALH, Euroherc, Studenac, HEP, Croatian Lottery, Coca-Cola, MG Motors, Kraš, Croatia Airlines, and donors OTP bank, Atlantska Plovidba alongside other benefactors who helped bring this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia to fruition.

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