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Grand Opening of the 73rd Dubrovnik Summer Festival

Dubrovnik, 11 July 2022 – Last evening's raising of the *Libertas* flag to the verses of the *Hymn to Liberty* on 10 July in front of the St. Blaise's Church marked the 73rd Dubrovnik Summer Festival, held until 25 August on almost 20 site-specific locations in Dubrovnik, formally opened.

Performing at the Opening Ceremony, directed by Aida Bukvić who also did the script with the dramaturge Marijana Fumić, were the Festival Drama Ensemble members Oleksandra Barstok, Boris Barukčić, Amar Bukvić, Nikša Butijer, Gloria Dubelj, Marin Klišmanić, Andrej Kopčok, Nataša Kopeč, Nika Lasić, Veronica Mach, Maro Martinović, Perica Martinović, Frano Mašković, Kristijan Petelin, Anđela Ramljak, Maria Shtofa and Dražen Šivak joined by the Acting students of the Zagreb Academy of Dramatic Arts Vid Ćosić, Tomislav Dunder, Aneta Grabovac, Anja Jogunica, Lovro Juraga, Nikolina Krupec, Filip Lugarić, Lidija Penić Grgaš, Marijana Prokl, Roko Protić, Lucija Rukavina, Marin Stević, Ema Šunde, Korana Ugrina, Lana Ujević and Vanesa Vidaković Natrlin. Alongside the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra conducted by maestro Ivan Hut, the Opening of the 73rd Festival included the impressive soprano Kristina Kolar and four choirs, the Pro musica Mostar Academic Choir, Libertas Mixed Choir, Dubrovnik Chamber Choir and Blasius Choir as well as the traditional dash of folklore contributed by the Lindo Folklore Ensemble.

The upcoming 47 days of the Festival will offer their numerous local and foreign audiences more than 60 excellent drama, music, dance, folklore and other events on almost 20 site-specific locations in Dubrovnik with the opening of the music programme and the concert by Nuria Rial and Accademia del Piacere, led by Fahmi Alqhai, set for tonight, 11 July at 9.30 p.m. in the Rector's Palace atrium.

Tickets for all events are available online at the Festival's official website <https://www.dubrovnik-festival.hr/> and through the ticket service www.ulaznice.hr, as well as the Festival Palace Box Office (Od Sigurate 1), which is open every day from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the venue, two hours prior to the performance. Purchases made with Mastercard® and Maestro® cards provide special benefits and discounts.

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 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 Euroherc, Mastercard, HEP, ACI club, ALH, Kraš, Coca-Cola, Croatia Airlines and TuttoBene and donors Caboga Stiftung foundation, OTP bank, and other benefactors who helped bring this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia to fruition.

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