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HONORING MIŠE MARTINOVIĆ

First reprise of Marin Držić's "Grižula" performed in Gradac Park

Dubrovnik, 3 August 2021 – The Marin Držić comedy "Grižula" directed by **Saša Božić** and **Petra Hrašćanec**, wowed the large audience, gathered in the **Gradac Park last night 2 August**, again this Festival season as it did last summer at the 71st Dubrovnik Summer Festival. The **Festival Drama Ensemble** made the evening special by dedicating their performance to the recently passed doyen of Croatian theatre **Miše Martinović**. The hit play is on again **tonight 3 August** and **tomorrow 4 August** at **9.30pm** in the **Gradac Park**.

Humanity's eternal search for love in a new reading by **Saša Božić** and **Petra Hrašćanec** was intertwined with motifs of Dubrovnik folk songs and dance, as a sort of a study on the local mentality and thus this thematically harmonious and fruitful blend of the universal and the singular left no one indifferent, thunderous applause coming as a more than deserved reward for the brilliant actors.

– We dedicate tonight's performance to a great actor, a wonderful man, the lovely Mister **Miše Martinović** who once played **Cupid** and **Grižula** right on this stage and who achieved his anthology roles at the Festival. Please, give a round of applause for our dear **Miše** – said **Nataša Dangubić** at the end of the show, leading a few minutes of applause during which everyone stood up as one to honour the late thespian.

The Festival Drama Ensemble demonstrated once again their acting artistry: **Grižula** is played by the masterful **Ozren Grabarić**, **Omakala** is **Nataša Dangubić**, **Kristijan Petelin** and **Leon Dubroja** are the Vlachs **Radoje** and **Dragić**, **Anica Kontić** and **Iva Jerković** Vlachs **Gruba** and **Miona**, **Branimir Vidić - Flika** is **Staniša**, **Perica Martinović** **Vukosava**. The roles of **Cupid** and **Plakir** are played by **Boris Barukčić**, and **Lucija Alfier**, **Viktorija Bubalo**, **Danijela Evđenić**, **Lana Meniga** and **Dea Presečki** portray the fairies. Set and costume design is done by **Zdravka Ivandija-Kirigin**, music by **Nenad Sinkauz**, lighting design **Martin Šatović**, assistant costume designer is **Ana Mikulić** while **Maro Martinović** did Dubrovnik language consulting for the actors.

The premiere of "Grižula" was held 20 August of last year, at the 71st Dubrovnik Summer Festival as part of the *Future Epics* project co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe Programme. **Nataša Dangubić** received a Best Female Actress Studio Award nomination for her portrayal of **Omakala** while **Anica Kontić** was nominated for the prestigious Golden Studio in the category of Best Newcomer and the Croatian Actor Award (also called the Croatian Theatre Oscar) in the category of Exceptional achievement by a young artist under 28 years old.

Tickets for the last two shows at the 72nd Festival are available for purchase at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival website www.dubrovnik-festival.hr or via www.ulaznice.hr ticketing service, and at the box office of the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) every day from 9am to 9.30pm. Tickets will also be available on location two hours before the start of the performance. Ticket prices

remain significantly reduced due to the economic situation being impacted by the pandemic, up to 50% lower as was the case last year. Purchases made with Mastercard® and Maestro® cards receive a 10% discount while all purchases and orders over 500HRK offer payment in instalments.

All 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival programmes are certified as *safe gatherings*, meaning the events will be organised according to current rules and recommendations by the national and local Civil Protection Headquarters and the World Health Organization, according to which maintaining physical distance of one seat with compulsory face masks has been deemed sufficient for audiences at low-risk events and the attendees are not obligated to present their EU digital COVID pass.

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 and numerous other sponsors and benefactors who helped bring this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia to fruition.

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