

## DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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"THE ONE WHO GIVES THEIR HEART, GIVES THEIR ENTIRE SELF"

## The 72<sup>nd</sup> Dubrovnik Summer Festival opened in Grand Ceremony

**Dubrovnik, 11 July 2021** – Last night, **10 July in front of the St. Blaise's Church**, the *Liberta*s flag was raised to the verses of the *Hymn to Liberty*, formally opening the 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival which will last until the traditional closing date of 25 August.

Scripted and directed by Hrvoje Korbar, the Opening Ceremony included performances by the Festival Drama Ensemble artists Livio Badurina, Izmira Brautović, Amar Bukvić, Nikša Butijer, Dominik Dolenc, Anica Kontić, Iva Kraljević, Maro Martinović, Perica Martinović, Kristijan Petelin, Mirej Stanić, Branimir Vidić – Flika, along with Drama and Dance students of the Zagreb Academy of Dramatic Arts Nataša Kustura, Kristina Lisica, Silvija Musić, Maja Petani, Dora Sarikaya i Dora Šesto. The Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra under the baton of maestro Stjepan Vuger, was joined by the percussion quartet Percussion Club. Once again, Lindo Folklore Ensemble added luster to the Ceremony with their traditional dance.

During the 47 days of the Festival, audiences will be able to enjoy almost 70 drama, music, dance and other performances on some 15 stages and site-specific locations in and around Dubrovnik. The rich programme starts tonight, 11 July, with the opening of the "Fortune Teller" group exhibition in the Sponza Palace atrium. The music programme will be opened tomorrow, 12 July, by the Percussion Club while Wednesday, 13 July, brings the first drama premiere of the Festival season – 'Beside Oneself' – an original project by Nataša Rajković and Ivan Penović.

Tickets for all programmes at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Dubrovnik Summer Festival are available for purchase at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival website <a href="www.dubrovnik-festival.hr">www.dubrovnik-festival.hr</a> or via <a href="wwww

All  $72^{nd}$  Dubrovnik Summer Festival programmes are certified as  $sa \square e$   $gat \square erings$ , 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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