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PIANOTRON AS MIRROR TO THE SOUL

Acclaimed pianist Zvezdan Ružić performs tomorrow on Square under Revelin Fort

Dubrovnik, 29 July 2023 – Croatian pianist, composer, and arranger **Zvezdan Ružić** will showcase **tomorrow, 30 July at 8:30 p.m.** the unique *Pianotron* project in which he plays three instruments at once on the **Square under the Revelin Fort** as part of the 74th Dubrovnik Summer Festival. The programme is free.

Throughout his enviable career, Zvezdan Ružić has worked with numerous musicians from different genres and that precious experience combined with his skill, as well as his imagination and courage, led him to create something completely new, the *Pianotron*, composed of three instruments – a piano, a Mellotron and pedals on which Ružić pre-programmes the sound that he later plays with his foot. Each instrument that he, as impossible as it may sound, plays at once, represents a part of Ružić's personality. The piano represents knowledge, skill, and wisdom, the Mellotron his playful inner child that plays with notes, and the pedals the one who is constantly searching for something new. The music which Ružić will be playing, from original compositions to his own arrangements of international hits such as ABBA's *Dancing Queen* or Michael Jackson's *Beat It*, promises to take the audience on a journey through the different facets of the story he tells.

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Zvezdan Ružić is a Croatian pianist, composer and arranger born in Rijeka in 1988. When he was only twenty years old, in addition to his music studies, Ružić started working as an arranger and producer and at the beginning of 2019, he took a sharp turn in his career. Using all his knowledge and experience in performing, arranging, and producing music, he created *Pianotron*. At the end of the same year, he released his first *Pianotron* album *Delightful F.*, presenting it on a spectacular concert held on a floating stage on the second lake in Zagreb's Maksimir Park for some 3000 people. In the spring of last year, he released his second *Pianotron* album, *Inspiration*, featuring Croatian diva Josipa Lisac, one of the greatest living Croatian poets, Luko Paljetak, and the world-famous Harlem Gospel Choir from New York. Ružić is a six-time winner of the Croatian Musicians Union Award for Best Jazz Pianist in Croatia and his albums won five prestigious Porin Awards.

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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