



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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A UNIQUE EVENING OF MUSIC AT THE 74<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL

## **Zvezdan Ružić delights the crowd under Revelin with the *Pianotron***

**Dubrovnik, 31 July 2023 – Last night, 30 July**, the Festival audience enjoyed an unforgettable concert by the Croatian pianist, composer and arranger **Zvezdan Ružić** on the Square under Revelin fort, who presented some original music, as well as his own covers of world hits on the pianotron, an instrument consisting of a piano, mellotron and pedals. Queen's Radio Ga Ga was met with applause from the first iconic beats, and during the performance of ABBA's Dancing Queen, the audience sang along to the well-known lyrics. The Dubrovnik Summer Festival organized this special concert as a gift to the citizens and visitors of the city.

Throughout his enviable career, Ružić has played with many musicians from different genres, and this valuable experience combined with skill, imagination and courage encouraged him to create something completely new – the Pianotron, which consists of a piano, a mellotron and pedals that start a pre-programmed sound. Each instrument that makes up the Pianotron, and which, incredibly, Ružić plays at the same time, represents a part of his 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 next concert on the 74<sup>th</sup> Dubrovnik Summer Festival music programme will be held by one of the most sought-after and versatile musicians today, cellist Nicolas Altstaedt, who will perform compositions by Henri Dutilleux, Johann Sebastian Bach, Jörg Widmann and Zoltán Kodály tonight, 31 July at 9:30 p.m. in the Rector's Palace. Tickets for the event are available via the festival website [www.dubrovnik-festival.hr](http://www.dubrovnik-festival.hr) or the service [www.ulaznice.hr](http://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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