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A CHEERFUL MUSICAL-THEATRE EVENT AT THE 74TH FESTIVAL

Youngest Festival audience burst into song with Poco Loco Theatre

Dubrovnik, 23 August 2023 – The youngest festival audience enjoyed the cheerful musical-theatre treat *I Want to Sing a Song: Pocoloca Orchestra*, performed by **Poco Loco Theatre** yesterday, **22 August at the Slavica open-air cinema**.

With the *I Want to Sing a Song: Pocoloca Orchestra* programme, the six-member band took the gathered crowd both young and old through the colourful world of everyone's favourite fairy tales and characters. Through their musical performances, they brought to the stage the stories of Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, The Witch, The Little Mermaid, Thumbelina, The Ugly Duckling, Puss in Boots, and many others. Each song carried with it a message about important life values such as courage, honesty, and empathy, and in this fun way they taught the children important life lessons through art and entertainment.

The Poco Loco Theatre designed this project with the aim of bringing the aforementioned values closer to children through dance and song. Their desire was not only to educate the young audience about the importance of bravely facing challenges, honestly expressing feelings and having compassion towards others, but also to provide them with an unforgettable entertainment experience. And they achieved this in the best possible way, creating a magical atmosphere on stage and an immediate connection with the children in the audience who had a great time with the music. And so laughter, clapping and joy filled the Slavica open-air cinema as the little ones delighted in this joyful musical-theatre adventure.

Poco Loco Theatre was founded in September 2014 and since then continuously gathers professional actors, musicians, directors, dramaturges, visual artists, and theatre pedagogues. The founders are multiple award-winning Renata Carola Gatica, director and actresses Maja Katić, Zrinka Kušević and Dunja Fajdić. The work of Poco Loco Theatre is financially supported by the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia, the Kultura nova Foundation and the City of Zagreb – City Office for Education, Culture and Sports. Since 2016, the Poco Loco Theatre has regularly participated in the *Ruksak pun kulture* [Backpack full of culture] project of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia, and in 2018 they were also nominated for the Croatian Theatre Award for the best acting performance in puppet shows or plays for children and young people (Jurica Marčec in the role of Cosmos in the play *Superheroes*). They have had numerous collaborations, among which are the Pinklec Theatre

Company from Čakovec, Ribnjak Youth Centre from Zagreb, City Puppet Theatre Split, City Puppet Theatre Rijeka, Exit Theatre from Zagreb, Croatian National Theatre Rijeka and many others.

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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