



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## Romantic Ballet Nights at Park Gradac

**Dubrovnik, 13. July 2016.** – After ten years the Ballet of the Croatian National Theatre in Zagreb returns to the Dubrovnik Summer Festival with its hit performance *Swan Lake* by Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky in the choreography of the famous Vladimir Malakhov. The performances are scheduled for July 14, 15 and 16, 2017 starting at 21:30 in park Gradac.

Certainly today's most popular ballet blanc, *Swan Lake* is a piece that has become synonymous with the art of classical ballet. The first complete, and spectacular production of the ballet was in 1895, in Saint Petersburg's Mariinsky theatre. Ever since, it has been impossible to imagine any ballet house in the world which does not include this beloved and relatable story in its repertoire, this tale about the prince who, after many challenges, succeeds in rescuing the enchanted princess with his love, and free her flock of swan friends from the claws of the evil wizard Rothbart. It is believed that the need for *Swan Lake* has become a wondrous syndrome, a piece which the true admirers of ballet can never get enough of. For over a hundred and twenty years, this ballet has been one of the greatest challenges to every ballet ensemble and their soloists, and the role of fragile Odette and the evil Odile, which is usually interpreted by one prima ballerina, remains the eternal highest reach of every classical ballerina's artistic creativity.

**Vladimir Malakhov** danced in 24 versions of *Swan Lake* and created his version of this world famous ballet for the Zagreb Ballet ensemble. He was named by many critics the dancer of the century due to his lyrical dance style and flawless technique. He received his ballet education at the famous Moscow State Academy of Bolshoi Ballet and was the principal dancer in several prestigious ballet theatres around the world, such as the Vienna State Opera Ballet, and American Ballet Theatre. Also, he is a recipient of many prestigious international dance and choreography awards.

This praised performance is, we believe, to the great pleasure of both local and foreign festival visitors. Tickets are available in Box Offices in the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1), in Luža and at the venue one hour prior to the performance.

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