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## „La Bottega del caffè“ at the Festival again

**Dubrovnik, July 23** – Last years hit play „La bottega del caffè“ directed by Vinko Brešan and performed by the Festival Drama Ensemble, is on the repertoire of the Dubrovnik Summer Festival again, on July 25, 26 and 27.

„La Bottega del caffè“ is one of the most successful comedies written by Italian comedigrapher Carlo Goldoni. 21st century performance of „La Bottega del caffè“ seems as a worthy successors of this former one performed in seventies, adopted and translated by Frano Čale on Dubrovnik dialect. The premiere of the original „La Bottega del caffè“ was directed by Tomislav Radić in 1978 and performed for ten years in a row at the Gundulić Square.

According to dramaturge Mira Muhoberac plot takes place in the summer of 1978, same year the play was first performed at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival. The play is directed by one of the most prominent Croatian film and theater directors, Vinko Brešan whose comedies get highest ratings in Croatian cinemas and theatres and who won different prestigious awards at home and abroad. The innkeeper Frano named his caffè bar Divona, which is the former name of Sponza Palace. Mate Matišić did the music, Ana-Marija Bogdanović choreography, set design was done by Marin Gozde, costumography by Doris Kristić and light design by Rade Stamenković.

„La Bottega del caffè“ premiered on June 31<sup>st</sup> at the 67<sup>th</sup> Festival and had two dressed rehearsals and six performances altogether, having the last one additionally added to the programme because of the exceptional interest of the audience. This was a sure sign that „La Bottega del caffè“ will be on this years programme, as well. The performance won the heart of Dubrovnik people, while memorable replicas and songs from the play were repeated all over the streets of Dubrovnik, showing that the audience liked the show, and this year, even foreign visitors can also enjoy the show, which will be subtitled in English via the vipscript application for real time subtitles.

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