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Stefan Milenkovich returns to the Festival

Dubrovnik, 14th July 2016 – The music programme of the 68th Dubrovnik Summer Festival will be continued by violinist Stefan Milenkovich accompanied by pianist Rohan de Silva on Monday, 17 July at 21:30 in the Rector's Palace Atrium, with a programme called *Freedom of Classical Music*.

The world famous violinist **Stefan Milenkovich** began his career at an early age – playing with an orchestra as a six year old. He performed at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival for the first time in 1986, as a nine year old. He gladly returns to the festival audience, so this will be his eight time at the festival. He is a winner of many prestigious international awards including the Orlando Award for his performance at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival in 1990. Stefan Milenkovich enjoys a prolific career as an internationally sought-after soloist and recitalist, with an extraordinary productive longevity, professionalism and creativity. On this occasion he will be accompanied by **Rohan de Silva**, known for partnering with violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in worldwide recitals, and performing with every notable violinist of this time. He is an honoured guest at the White House where he, at the invitation of President Barack Obama, in 2012 performed for Shimon Peres; and at a State Dinner in 2007 hosted by President George W. Bush for Queen Elizabeth. A native of Sri Lanka, Mr. De Silva was invited in 2015 by the Prime Minister of his country to perform for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on his historic visit to Sri Lanka.

The music duo will perform Tartini's famous Sonata for Violin and Piano in G minor, known as the "Devil's Trill", Beethoven's Sonata No. 7 in C minor, Sarasate's Introduction and Tarantella, Wieniawsky's Legende and Tchaikovsky's Valse-Scherzo. 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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