

## DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## **Camerata RCO are coming to the Rector's Palace!**

**Dubrovnik, 15 August 2023** – **Camerata RCO**, a mixed strings and winds ensemble of Amsterdam's renowned Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (RCO) members, will hold a concert at the 74<sup>th</sup> Dubrovnik Summer Festival on **Friday, 18 August in the Rector's Palace atrium at 9:30 p.m.**, and perform compositions by Nino Rota and Johannes Brahms.

Starting off the concert will be *Nonetto* by the Italian composer Nino Rota. Through the five movements of this expansive composition, Rota presents a variety of contrasting moods – light-heartedness, melodrama, humour, frenzy – always demanding virtuosity. This famous 20<sup>th</sup> century composer made a great contribution to film music, composing for about 150 films, among which Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather and The Godfather II stand out, for which Rota also won the prestigious Grammy and Oscar awards. The second and last piece on the evening repertoire will be *Serenade no. 1 in D major, Op. 11* by the German composer and pianist Johannes Brahms. This composition is Brahms' nod to Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, and Schubert, filtered through Romanticism with expanded harmony.

Formed by members of Amsterdam's famed Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (RCO), Camerata RCO performs chamber music in multiple formations from duets to a small chamber orchestra, with a special focus on the Classical and Romantic repertoire for winds and strings, and active relationships with living composers. Praised by the New York Times for their "warm, glowing performance," the ensemble has enjoyed tremendous success in the Netherlands and abroad and now performs around 50 concerts a season internationally in music capitals such as Amsterdam, Vienna, Tokyo, Seoul, Madrid, Rome, and New York. Their ever-expanding discography on Gutman Records includes recordings of works by Corelli, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Mahler, Bruckner, and Ravel. Recent highlights include concerts with Barbara Hannigan and Matthias Goerne, and a debut in Wigmore Hall in London.

Tickets for the concert are available via the festival website <u>www.dubrovnik-festival.hr</u> or the service <u>www.ulaznice.hr</u>, 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

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