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MUSIC PROGRAMME OF THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Young Virtuosos of the Esperanza Ensemble at Rector's Palace

Dubrovnik, 29 July 2019 – The talented young musicians of the International Academy of Music in Liechtenstein have, in just four years, won numerous awards and acclaims, as well as published three records - they are the **Esperanza Ensemble**. Along with violinist **Sara Domjanić** and pianist **Dmytro Choni**, they will be holding a concert in the **Rector's palace atrium** on **Tuesday, 30 July, at 9.30pm**.

The evening's programme will include Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Concerto for violin, piano and strings in D minor*, Komitas Vardapet's *Miniatures* as arranged by Sergei Aslamazian, Edward Elgar's *Serenade for strings in E minor*, the *St Paul's Suite* by Gustav Holst and the legendary Hendrix's *Purple Haze* in Daniel Schnyder's arrangement for strings.

The young ensemble – founded by the Croatian musician Dražen Domjanić who has already made Liechtenstein his second home – had their debut in February 2015, at the 5th Next Generation Festival in Bad Ragaz, receiving high praises by audience and critics alike. Since then, they had equally lauded concerts in Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Croatia. The ensemble has regularly been invited to various festivals, such as the Next Generation and MusicConnects festivals in Bad Ragaz, Switzerland, and Vaduz Classic in Liechtenstein. In 2017, they won the Special Achievement Award at the International Classical Music Awards (ICMA), followed by the Opus Klassik Award in September 2018 for best promotion of young talents. Soon after, the Esperanza Ensemble debuted at the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, hosting a veritable mini-festival with four sold-out concerts.

Tickets to see the gifted young musicians are available for purchase at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival website www.dubrovnik-festival.hr or via www.ulaznice.hr ticketing service and at the box office of the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) every day from 9am to 9.30pm. All residents of Dubrovnik-neretva county are offered a 30% discount on all tickets. Purchases made with Mastercard® and Maestro® cards receive a 10% discount while all purchases and orders over 500 kuna receive a 30% discount voucher for Festival souvenirs.

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