



DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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THE 70TH DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL CONCLUDED

A Magnificent Finale of the Anniversary 70TH Festival with the Croatian Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra and Percussionist Simone Rubino

Dubrovnik, 26 August 2019 – The anniversary 70th Dubrovnik Summer Festival ended last night, **25 August**, with a magnificent closing concert **in front of the St. Blaise's Church** by the **Croatian Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra** and the virtuoso percussionist **Simone Rubino** under the baton of maestro **Enrico Dindo** after which the Festival *Libertas* flag was lowered.

The musical treat for the conclusion of the anniversary 70th Festival consisted of **Boris Papandopulo's Overture to the *Amphitryon* opera**, the three-movement ***Frozen in Time*** concert for percussion and orchestra by the esteemed Israeli composer **Avner Dorman** and **Maurice Ravel's** arrangement of **M. P. Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition***. The talented **Simone Rubino** heralded a new era of percussionists who have established themselves on the classical music scene. He has performed alongside leading European orchestras, such as the Berlin Philharmonic, and collaborated with renowned conductors including Zubin Mehta, Gustavo Gimeno, Manfred Honeck, Tugan Sokhiev and Kazuki Yamada. As the critics have said, Rubino sets off virtuosic fireworks of unheard-of timbres and rhythmical precision in his performances, dazzling the audience at the same time with his sensitive and nuanced style, all of which was evident in his energetic performance of the Dorman piece last evening. In the upcoming season, Rubino will be a resident musician at the München Radio Orchestra.

A short but dignified closing ceremony included the Festival Drama and Music Ensemble members – Ema Pralas, Nea Martinović, Perica Martinović, Nikola Baće, Maro Martinović, Romano Nikolić, Doris Šarić Kukuljica, Stefani Grbić and Vid Veljak – who were joined by Lindo Folklore Ensemble member Mario Lale and the children of Dubrovnik in folding the *Libertas* flag and returning the keys to the City, until the next, 71st Dubrovnik Summer Festival, which will be opened on 10 July 2020. The entire closing ceremony of the anniversary 70th Dubrovnik Summer Festival was broadcast on the Croatian Radio and Television Channel 1.

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 this year by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia, the City of Dubrovnik, the Dubrovnik-Neretva County and numerous other sponsors and benefactors who helped bring this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia to fruition.

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