



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## Another outstanding edition of the “Dubrovnik on a Rock of Music” programme

**Dubrovnik, 11 August 2021** – The unique programme, supported by the Caboga Stiftung foundation, **Dubrovnik on a Rock of Music** gathered top Dubrovnik musicians **last night, 10 August**, in the Rector’s Palace atrium under the baton of maestro **Tomislav Fačini**. The masterful ensemble and marvelous soloists **Lovro Merčep** on saxophone, pianist **Marija Grazio** and mezzosoprano **Dubravka Šeparović Mušović**, with their exceptional interpretation of the evening’s choice repertoire consisting of works by **Debussy, Ibert, Đurović** and **Mahler**, surpassed all the high expectations thrilling the crowd in the packed Rector’s Palace.

Dubrovnik Summer Festival’s Assistant Director for the music programme and the conductor of the concert, Tomislav Fačini said that he hoped this year’s edition of *Dubrovnik on a Rock of Music* will uphold the high standards set by the previous year’s programme and “spark a few flames in the audience”. It is easy to see that those high standards were not only met but surpassed by the virtuosos in the audiences’ reactions, who gave long applause after each piece calling the soloists and maestro to bow with delighted shouts of *Bravi!* The flames Fačini hoped to spark were ignited by the intriguing repertoire of colorful music pieces, starting with **Claude Debussy’s** *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, as arranged by Tomislav Fačini, the influential work which “which marked the birth of the 20<sup>th</sup> century music”. The young yet already internationally acclaimed saxophonist **Lovro Merčep** triumphed in his performance of the technically difficult **Jacques Ibert** *Concertino da camera* which nonetheless had a distinct spirited *jazz* and *blues* undertone. **Franjo Đurović** dedicated his *Piano concerto* to multiple award-winning virtuoso pianist Marija Grazio who performed it for the Dubrovnik audience in the second part of the evening, bringing a fine contemporary touch to the repertoire. Clear diction, powerful yet limber voice with refined expressiveness of mezzosoprano Dubravka Šeparović Mušović who performed *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*, or *Songs of a Wayfarer* by Gustav Mahler, to whose opus the singer is especially dedicated, impressed everyone in the Rector’s Palace. Tomislav Fačini also did the arrangement for the aforementioned piece, both arrangements being written specifically for the marvelous soloists and equally masterful ensemble who more than held their own last night: **Mirabai Weismehl** and **Tara Horvat** violin, **Lidija Martinović** viola, **Vanda Đanić** cello, **Denis Ajduković** double-bass, **Ivan Kušelj** trumpet, **Toni Kursar** horn, **Matija Novaković** bassoon, **Đive Kušelj** flute, **Antonio Haller** oboe/cor anglais, **Stijepo Medo** clarinet, **Veronika Ćiković** harp, **Stjepan Vuger** accordion, **Karmen Pervitić** and **Fran Krsto Šercar** on percussions.

Next on the rich music programme of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Festival is a Rector’s Palace concert tomorrow, 12 August at 9.30pm on which audience favourite pianist Martina Filjak along with Felix Klieser on horn and Andrej Bielov on violin will perform works of Duvernoy, Schumann, Dukas, Wieniawski and Brahms.

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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