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ON THE OCCASION OF THE 75 YEARS OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

Arnab Bhattachary and Rohen Bose presented Indian classical music

Dubrovnik, 15 August 2022 – Indian musician and composer **Arnab Bhattacharya** performed on the sarod last night, 14 August in the Sponza Palace Atrium, accompanied by **Rohen Bose** on the tabla on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the celebration of 75 years of Indian independence.

The curious festival audience was presented an excellent blend of traditional and modern forms of Indian classical music that connects all generations equally, and which represents the musical hallmark of this famous sarod virtuoso who entered the world of North Indian classical instrumental music as a child. Hindustani music, as it is sometimes called, emphasizes improvisation and exploration of all aspects of the raga, which Bhattacharya and Bose achieved by interweaving the deep and introspective sound of the sarod with the rhythmic accompaniment of double drums. The different style and faster rhythms of the traditional Indian musical instruments beckoned some among the gathered audience to dance, as well as a long applause and standing ovation after the performance. The programme was realized under the patronage of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Embassy of India in Zagreb.

The 73rd Dubrovnik Summer Festival music programme continues with a concert sponsored by Kraš on Thursday, 18 August at 9.30 p.m. at the Rector's Palace, where the young soloists Lucija Stilinović on the flute and Veronika Ćiković on the harp will perform works by Kilar and Mozart alongside the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dawid Runtz.

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, Dubrovnik Tourist Board and numerous sponsors Euroherc, Mastercard, HEP, ACI club, ALH, Kraš, Coca-Cola, Croatia Airlines and TuttoBene and donors Caboga Stiftung foundation, OTP bank, and other benefactors who helped bring this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia to fruition.

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