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MUSIC PROGRAMME OF THE 72ND FESTIVAL

Brilliant Lovre Marušić delights Festival audience at Rector's Palace

Dubrovnik, 17 July 2021 – The brilliant young virtuoso Lovre Marušić held a piano recital last night, 16 July, in the Rector's Palace atrium, as part of the 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival's music programme. For his Festival debut he chose to play Schumann, Haydn, Ravel and Liszt.

With his expressive style of piano playing, it was a true enjoyment not only listening to but watching Lovre perform *Kreisleriana*, the eight fantasy-ballads by Robert Schumann in the first half of the recital and Joseph Haydn's *Sonata in b-minor*, Maurice Ravel's *Valses nobles et sentimentales* and Franz Liszt's *Rhapsodie espagnole*. At the end of this enchanting musical evening, the delight of the audience was evidenced by roaring applause and a standing ovation. Marušić was called to encore twice, pleasantly surprising everyone with a masterful rendition of Queen's legendary *Bohemian Rhapsody* and then repeating Haydn's minuet from the aforementioned *Sonata*. It is clear that the Festival crowd is already eagerly awaiting another Lovre Marušić concert, but for now ahead of the young virtuoso is the final of the renowned Cleveland International Piano Competition in the US, and two other prestigious international competitions, the Leeds International Piano Competition in the UK and the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy.

The next Festival music event at the Rector's Palace is the eagerly awaited performance of the eminent Russian soprano Julia Lezhneva with *La Voce Strumentale* ensemble, led by violinist Dmitry Sinkovsky, on 25 July.

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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