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## Držić's "Grižula" premiere in Gradac Park

**Dubrovnik, 20 August 2020** – Marin Držić's play **Grižula** directed by **Saša Božić** and **Petra Hraščanec** will have its premiere tonight, **20 August** in Gradac Park,. This last premiere of this year's Festival will be performed by the members of the Festival Drama Ensemble with the participation of Acting and Dance students of the Academy of Dramatic Art, University of Zagreb.

**Grižula** play, partially belongs to the pastoral tradition, talks about the relationships between the enamoured couples, resembling the one in A Midusmmer Night's Dream. In play, Držić introduces an idea which he conveys to his audience as a moral lesson and a warning: when ordinary people cross boundaries set for them as human beings and encounter the supernatural fairy world, they become comical and victims of restlessness and misunderstanding. This new reading of the eternal human search for love by Saša Božić and Petra Hraščanec is a study of the local mentality intertwined with motifs from Dubrovnik tradition, dance and rituals.

**Ozren Grabarić** will play Grižula, Omakala will be **Nataša Dangubić**, **Kristijan Petelin** i **Leon Dubroja** are young Vlach men Radoje and Dragić, **Anica Kontić** and **Iva Jerković** are young Vlach women Gruba i Miona, **Branimir Vidić** - Flika plays Staniša, and **Perica Martinović** plays Vukosava. **Boris Barukčić** is in a part of Cupid and Plakir, and fairies are **Lucija Alfier**, **Viktorija Bubalo**, **Danijela Evđenić**, **Lana Meniga** i **Dea Presečki**. Set and costume design are made by **Zdravka Ivandija-Kirigin**, music is by **Nenad Sinkauz**, lighting design by **Martin Šatović**, and costume designer's assistant is **Ana Mikulić**. Language consultant for this play was **Maro Martinović**.

After tonight's premiere performance, the play is on the program on August 21, 22, 23, and 24, at 9.30 pm in Gradac Park. All tickets are already sold out, but you will be able to watch Grižula play tomorrow, 21 August, in a live broadcast on the Third Channel - HRT 3 by Croatian Television.

Grižula is a part of "**Future Epics**" project, co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union, supported by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia. **OTP bank**, a loyal festival partner made a donation to help the Festival in the times of COVID-19 and the circumstances of reduced budgets.

The Dubrovnik Summer Festival will comply with the recommendations of the **Croatian Institute of Public Health** for preventing the spread of COVID-19 disease during all festival events, and we kindly ask the audience to do the same.

The Dubrovnik Summer Festival, as the centre of Croatian and global spirit and culture, a place of creation, and not just a place of visit, a place of encounters, 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 as well as numerous sponsors and donors: Mastercard, HEP, Euroherc, ALH, Kraš, Tele2, Croatia Airlines, OTP Bank, Caboga Stiftung, ACI, Coca-Cola and others to help realize this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia.

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