



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## "Dubrovnik is Sailing" Exhibition Opening in Lazareti

**Dubrovnik, 23 July 2020** – "Dubrovnik is Sailing" is the name of the exhibition by artist **Igor Hajdarhodžić**, which will be opened at the **Lazareti plateau** - the creative district of Dubrovnik, on Saturday, **25 July at 9 pm** as part of the accompanying program of the 71st Dubrovnik Summer Festival and in cooperation with Dubrovačka baština d.o.o. and the Art Workshop Lazareti.

All items on display are in the form of a ship. The hulls are made of thick sheet metal as the basic elements of shape. As we move away from the whole and pay attention to the details, we begin to recognize the elements these vessels are built from. Their builder was really imaginative. The exhibition visitors will be able to see a travesty of ordinary, discarded objects that have been given a new purpose. The repertoire of used items is mostly metal, but also includes many other diverse components: grinding wheels, furnace parts, chimney pipes, and water pipes. A careful observer will notice parts of agricultural machinery and tools, parts of industrial machine mechanisms, bicycle parts, saws, grates, chains, pulleys, screws, drills, metal nets, toolboxes and barrel hoops. In addition to all this, the traces of punches, breaks, wear of base material, rust, dirt - all become an art. Igor starts with *ready-mades* and the project shows conceptual results. Despite a lot of fitting in, each of these vessels looks convincing. The history and age of each element, its ethnographic value, make these works even more interesting. We are encouraged to imagine/think/travel, while the artist offers us a *transport*.

**Igor Hajdarhodžić** was born in Dubrovnik in 1960. He holds a degree in Acting from the Zagreb Academy of Dramatic Art. Besides acting, he is involved in music, media production and visual design of maritime-related objects. He has been occasionally present in Istria for years now. He has been active in Grožnjan Istria since 2018.

The exhibition "Dubrovnik is Sailing" at the Lazareti plateau will remain open until the closing of the 71st Dubrovnik Summer Festival, on 25 August.

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.

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*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 and numerous sponsors, to help realize this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia.*

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