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72ND FESTIVAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Festival favourite Martina Filjak joined by Felix Klieser and Andrej Bielow at Rector's Palace on Thursday

Dubrovnik, 9 August 2021 – Pianist **Martina Filjak** along with **Felix Klieser** on horn and **Andrej Bielow** on violin will hold a concert on **Thursday 12 August** in the **Rector's Palace atrium** at **9.30pm**. On the programme are pieces for piano, horn and violin by **Duvernoy, Schumann, Dukas, Wieniawski** and **Brahms**.

The evening of music as performed by the trio of top European musicians will include a select repertoire of piano, horn and violin pieces with the *Trio Nr. 1 for Piano, Horn and Violin in c-minor* opening the concert. Composed by the horn music pioneer **Frédéric Duvernoy**, *Trio No. 1* is a lively composition influenced by the Vienna classic. Next is **Robert Schumann's Adagio and Allegro op. 70 for Horn and Piano** which calls for master musicianship and use of the entire instrument range. Also requiring great musical ability is **Paul Dukas' Villanelle for Horn and Piano** which was written as an exam piece for horn students at the Paris Conservatory with numerous technical challenges but spirited melodies. Polish composer and one of the best violinists of his time **Henryk Wieniawski** himself studied at the Parisian Conservatory and his five-part *Faust Fantasy op. 20* will be performed, each part bringing a different mood and concluding in a virtuosic finale. To round off the evening the trio will play **Johannes Brahms' Trio for Horn, Violin and Piano in E flat Major, Op. 40**, a composition interpreted by music experts as a farewell lament for his late mother and which holds great importance for its novel choice of instruments for the time, it is believed that this *Trio* has practically started a new kind of music.

Festival favorite **Martina Filjak** performs as soloist and with leading orchestra and conductors on renowned stages of esteemed concert halls around the world. She received her music education at the Zagreb Academy of Music, the Vienna Conservatory and in the well-known soloist programme in Hanover. Filjak won first prize and a number of special awards at the respected Cleveland International Piano Competition, which was soon followed by her debut at the Konzerthaus Berlin, the Musikverein Vienna and Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall, on the occasion of which her performance was highly praised by The New York Times. Moreover, the acclaimed pianist is also the recipient of highest national musical awards Vladimir Nazor, Milka Trnina and the Dubrovnik Summer Festival's Orlando award in 2008. **Felix Klieser**, horn player with whom Filjak will be sharing the stage on Thursday, is an exceptional artist in many aspects, winner of the ECHO Classic prize in the category best young artist and the prestigious Leonard Bernstein Award of the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival. Violinist **Andrej Bielow** is a leading Ukrainian musician of his generations who has, as a soloist and chamber musician, recorded over 20 albums, collaborated with esteemed international orchestras under the baton of first-rate conductors and has won various awards and prizes. He teaches at the University of Arts in Graz and is a regular visiting teacher at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He regularly gives masterclasses in Europe, Asia and USA. This is the trio's first performance together in Croatia, and this autumn they will be debuting for German and Swiss audiences.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival website www.dubrovnik-festival.hr or via www.ulaznice.hr ticketing service, and at the box office of the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) every day from 9am to 9.30pm. Tickets will also be available on location two hours before the start of the performance. Ticket prices remain significantly reduced due to the economic situation being impacted by the pandemic, up to 50% lower as was the case last year. Purchases made with Mastercard® and Maestro® cards receive a 10% discount while all purchases and orders over 500HRK offer payment in instalments.

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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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